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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Fletcher informed me of a call just received from Washington Field Office advising that from

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Respectfully,

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cc- Mr. Jones

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD  
FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: October 28, 1947

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SUBJECT:

Special Agent Hall of the Washington Field Office called at 4:05 p.m. and stated that [REDACTED]

This information was furnished immediately to Mr. Nichols.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 18, 1947

FROM : SAC, Newark

SUBJECT: GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReButal to Newark September 20, 1947.

Samuel Lear, Postmaster, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, advised on October 13, 1947, that he had been away on vacation for several days and had not personally observed subject SILVERMASTER in the vicinity. Personal observation by an Agent from this office on that same date disclosed that SILVERMASTER was still engaged in the building of his home and he was seen in the vicinity.

Mr. Lear advised that Mr. and Mrs. BORIS P. WITTE had received an air mail letter forwarded from Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, from ANN DIAMOND, Box 621, Anchorage, Alaska. The date of this communication was not recorded by Postmaster Lear. He also advised that the WITTEs had left Harvey Cedars, and left a forwarding address of 99 Claremont Avenue, New York 27, New York. However, from other mail received at the post office, he believed that they are actually at Box 295, Kodiak, Alaska.

Mr. Lear also stated that Mr. A. B. ABVOLKOV had received a letter in care of Mrs. SILVERMASTER from the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Plaza, Victoria Embankment, London WC3, England, and a letter from Mademoiselle CHARLES MARRANNEIS, Paris 16, France.

The above is being furnished for your information.

cc: Washington Field  
New York

Anatole Volkov,  
Silvermaster's son.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. CLEGG  
FROM : L. A. Rance  
SUBJECT: JOHN PAUL MARSALKA, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 21, 1947

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With reference to Mr. E. A. Tamm's request that a contact be made with our associates at Yale University in connection with the case of John Paul Marsalka, with aliases, Espionage-R, please be informed that I have taken this matter up with Mr. Wilbur Smith, who advises me that he will be glad to take the matter up directly with Mr. Furness, who is the Assistant to President Seymour and who is directly in charge of all administration. It is understood that Furness really runs the University where President Seymour is largely a front. Mr. Smith advised me that he will let us know just as soon as he has contacted Mr. Furness.

Mr. Smith understands that this is to be handled discreetly and that he is merely passing on the information as to Marsalka's activities and records for such action as Yale University desires to take.

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MEMORANDUM FOR the Director

Q 75-1121 RE: JOHN PAUL MILAN MARSALKA, with aliases  
 ESPIONAGE - R

Background and Employment

Summary

John Paul Milan Marsalka was born on June 23, 1906, at Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh receiving an A.B. Degree in 1929. From 1930 to 1933 he was an exchange student under a program handled by the International Institute of Education and as a result attended the Charles IV University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, receiving a Ph.D. Degree in 1933. He married Milada Friedlova on August 30, 1929, at Oakland, Maryland. She was a citizen of Czechoslovakia whom he met while at the University of Pittsburgh as a student. At that time she was an exchange student from Czechoslovakia. From 1933 to 1934 he taught at Prague, Czechoslovakia, in the higher school. From 1934 to 1939, Marsalka was a clerk in the State Department in foreign service employed in Moscow, Russia. He was dismissed from this position for the reason that he showed lack of judgment, discretion and initiative. It was the opinion of his employers that he was pro-Soviet and could not be trusted with work of a confidential nature.

In 1940 he returned to the United States and received employment as a minor assistant in the Periodics Division of the Library of Congress. From July, 1941, to August, 1941, he was employed as an associate, Consumers Relations Office, OPA. He was dismissed from this employment charged with being a Communist or having Communist tendencies. From September, 1941, to January, 1943, he was a Special Assistant in the Foreign War Relief, American Red Cross. While engaged in this employment he desired to travel to Europe and requested a passport to France. The State Department refused this request on the basis of his Communistic tendencies. From July, 1943, to February, 1944, Marsalka was a language instructor at the University of Pittsburgh under the Army Specialized Training Program. While engaged in this work he was appointed District Manager of Russian War Relief at Pittsburgh and spent about one third of his time on the Russian War Relief Program. On August 19, 1944, Marsalka was refused an appointment to the United States Army by the Appeal Board of the Civil Service Commission. From August 27, 1944 to October 27, 1944, Marsalka was employed by UNRRA as a language instructor in the school conducted at the University of Maryland.

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Memorandum for the Director

On March 30, 1946, Marsalka was appointed to the faculty of Yale University as a professor in Russian history and other Russian courses. This appointment was to run for three years beginning July, 1946.

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Activities

In December, 1945, Marsalka was allegedly a member of the Washington Book Shop Association which has been declared subversive by the Attorney General.

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SUGGESTION:

It is suggested that in view of Marsalka's Soviet and Communist connections that his background and activities be called to the attention of Yale University through an established contact of the New Haven Office.

Respectfully,

*DH*  
D. M. Lead

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October 31, 1947

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE - R. REMTEL OCTOBER THIRTY. NO CHANGES IN ADDRESSES FOR SUBJECTS MENTIONED EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING: GEORGE PERAZICH, THREE TWO ZERO SEVEN OLIVER STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. PERAZICH HAS RETURNED FROM CHICAGO AND WILL BE HERE INDEFINITELY. ALLAN ROSENBERG, THREE FOUR ONE ZERO LEE BOULEVARD, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. CHARLES KRAMER, FOUR SIX TWO ONE SOUTH THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, FAIRLINGTON, VIRGINIA. MARY PRICE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] ADVISED ON OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN, THAT PRICE IS PRESENTLY STAYING AT THE SEELBACH HOTEL, FOURTH AND WALNUT STREETS, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. SHE IS WORKING ON THE WALLACE MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD THERE ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIRST. WALLACE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN THE ARMORY AUDITORIUM ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIRST. DONALD WHEELER REPORTED TO BE LIVING WITH HIS FATHER, F. M. WHEELER, ROLLING BAY, WASHINGTON. J. JULIUS JOSEPH JOSEPH EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FROM LONDON NOVEMBER ONE OR TWO, AND WILL BE STATIONED HERE INDEFINITELY IN A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH UNRRA. MORE DETAILS REGARDING JOSEPH WILL BE OBTAINED AFTER NOVEMBER TEN. HOTEL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: October 8, 1947

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title . GREGORY

Character of Case Espionage - R  
Field Office Washington Field  
Symbol Number [REDACTED]

Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~or~~  
Microphone)

1. Subject's name and address:

FREDERICK PALMER WEBER

718 Jackson Place, N. W. - Telephone: Ex 4610 - Office.

2. Location of technical operation:

Chastleton Apartments

3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized July 2, 1947.  
Installed July 18, 1947.

4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

1736 Columbia Road, N. W. - Phone: No 1900 - Home.  
Authorized July 2, 1947.  
Installed July 18, 1947.

5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved:

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(5) A few conversations of a pertinent nature regarding the recent special election at Allentown, Pennsylvania, in which the Political Action Committee took an active part are being set out:

The two candidates were PHIL STORCH, a Democrat; and LICHENWALTER, the Republican, who was ultimately successful in being elected. On August 7, 1947, JOHN ADELMAN telephonically contacted ALLEN RIGHTMAN in WEBER's office and advised he was in Allentown, Pennsylvania; working on the "STORCH for Congress" business. ADELMAN stated that the textiles were having an affair on August 21 and he would like any posters and display material useful for such an affair. ALLEN mentioned that "we" (PAC) have "Labor Day Kits" which are being sent into the field now. The kits contain posters of policemen knocking down strikers and so forth.

On August 18, 1947, BILL COLLETTE of the Textile Workers of America, New York City, contacted PALMER WEBER. COLLETTE asked what the matter was with PALMER's outfit in the Pennsylvania Campaign in regard to spending some money and went on to say "We sent three-hundred dollars - volunteer dollars - in and I was sure some of the other unions sent some in." PALMER advised COLLETTE, "We have an election in Ohio; one in Galveston on August 23rd; and one in El Paso on August 23 - see?" COLLETTE confirmed that these are elections for Congress. PALMER said that in Texas an oil worker, president of the local union, is running for Congress and the problem is the legal question of precisely how far "we" can go with those dollars - that is, in the terms of contributions in the campaign. PALMER indicated, "I think we can spend it for our own workers - what it is, is this - that in Allentown they have raised about between four and five thousand dollars."..... COLLETTE said, "If it is in the organization and in PAC, I see no reason for "us" to go out and bat "our" heads and collect money because when we have a chance to do something, nobody does anything. COLLETTE further stated that for the organization they had in PAC he thinks they might as well fold it up and indicates, "We sent three-hundred dollars down to PAC and we have put a man on - don't worry what they can do legally - but we have got guys on our payroll which is a direct violation of the law. What the hell is it. They are going to worry legally and we are going to take all the chances. For Christ's Sakes, they had better wake up."

Other conversations pertinent to this election which indicate violations of the Taft-Hartley Act were furnished by this technical surveillance and the information is being furnished the Bureau in report form.

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7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No.

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No.

9. Manpower and costs involved:

Maintained at established plant.

10. Remarks (By SAC):

This technical surveillance supplies a regular volume of valuable information concerning the subject and other individuals of interest to this case. It is recommended it be continued.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

In view of the type of information being received through this surveillance, it is recommended that it be continued for an additional six months pending further recommendations from the field;.

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: October 8, 1947

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title GREGORY

Character of Case Espionage - R  
Field Office Washington Field  
Symbol Number [REDACTED] b2 b7D  
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FREDERICK PALMER WEBER  
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7. Has security factor changed since installation?

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8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No.

9. Manpower and costs involved:

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

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The Political Action Committee in general and PALMER WEBER as Research Director of PAC were quite active in the special election at Allentown, Pennsylvania, in which the main issues revolved around the Taft-Hartley Bill.

On August 4, 1947, GERTRUDE WEBER telephonically contacted Dr. JOACHIM PRINZ, a Rabbi, in Newark, New Jersey. GERTRUDE told PRINZ that there is a special election taking place to replace Congressman CHARLES L. GERLACH, Allentown, Pennsylvania, who died. GERTRUDE said, "He was a very bad Congressman, one of the bad ones, — and a special election campaign now is going on and it is a very heated one; see where the Democrats and labor and all those other people lined up with them, are trying to get a man by the name of STORCH into office — so the whole Jewish community is on STORCH's side too and they are becoming involved in the campaign."

The following is an excerpt from a conversation between JERRY SCHAFTLANDER with "Amalgamated" (probably Amalgamated Clothing Workers) at Allentown, Pennsylvania, on August 4, 1947, with PALMER WEBER. WEBER stated, "Congressman WALTERS, you see, wants to be re-elected. He can be re-elected. NEWELL has got strength in his district, understand?" WEBER: "NEWELL said to WALTERS you understand that the money is down there at the Democratic National Committee — you understand — and that what kind of effort our people put out up here in your district in 1948, see, and in these other districts will depend in good measure on how their spirit and everything else is in this campaign. WALTERS must play ball with us."....."That is the pitch and take. NEWELL, MAYER, and SOL with you but listen you ask them for five-thousand dollars." JERRY: "You think that much do you?" PALMER: "I say five-thousand." JERRY: "What do you do, split that with the Democrats?" PALMER: "Have all of it paid to the 'STORCH For Congress Club' — don't let one damn cent of it go to the other crowd."

On August 5, 1947, SCHAFTLANDER again contacted PALMER WEBER and advised that "we are having increasing difficulty with our candidate. It is becoming almost unbearable. The guy is broke and the Democratic Party has bought him and we can't get hold of enough dough to buy him in and I can't approach it. I tried once and the guy almost threw me out of the office. I tried to point out to him that this committee certainly could help him out in his condition and he felt I intimated that he was being bought by the Democrats. I wasn't the guy who did that originally — three other trade unionists did this including NEWELL."

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Several other conversations of a pertinent nature regarding the Allentown Election were obtained through this technical surveillance and it should be noted that all of the information regarding same is being furnished to the Bureau by report.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington Field Office  
Room 1706, U. S. Department  
of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.  
October 10, 1947

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Director, FBI

RE: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE  
(HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR.)

Dear Sir:

Information was received on October 9, 1947, that HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., a subject in this case, is presently employed with the Senate Committee for the District of Columbia, headed by Senator C. DOUGLAS BUCK, as an "advisor."

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL  
SAC



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New Haven  
SUBJECT: JOHN PAUL MILAN MARSALKA, was.  
ESPIONAGE (R)  
(GREGORY)

DATE: 10/30/47

Reference is made to the reports of SA Arthur R. Ware dated at New Haven July 28, 1947 and SA Robert G. Gibbs dated September 27, 1947 at Washington, D.C. In view of MARSALKA's background and his contacts with subjects of the GREGORY case, the New Haven office was requested to follow his activities, when MARSALKA took a position as a professor at Yale University in September 1946.

This background information and more recent activities have been set out in referenced reports. New Haven file 65-1161 was opened on January 22, 1947 to continue to cover the activities of MARSALKA while in the New Haven area.

It is requested that the New York office advise if MARSALKA will be called by the Federal Grand Jury now sitting in New York.

cc: New York  
ABW:gml  
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TITLE <b>GREGORY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

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## REFERENCE:

Richmond letter to Washington Field, dated April 15, 1947.

## DETAILS:

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DATE: October 4, 1947

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title GREGORY  
EDWARD FITZGERALD  
Character of Case Espionage - R  
Field Office Washington Field Office  
Symbol Number [REDACTED]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or  
Microphone) Technical

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1. Subject's name and address:

EDWARD FITZGERALD  
2209 Observatory Place, N. W.  
Washington, D.C.

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2. Location of technical operation:

Chastleton Apartments  
16th and R Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized January 4, 1946  
Installed February 21, 1946

4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

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6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

None

9. Manpower and costs involved:

No additional operating costs

10. Remarks (By SAC):

In view of the valuable information received in the past it is recommended this surveillance be continued.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

In view of the type of information being received through this surveillance, it is recommended that it be continued for an additional six months pending further recommendations from the field..

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

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Information from this installation shows EDWARD FITZGERALD to be in frequent contact with IRVING KAPLAN, HARRY MAGDOFF and VEET BASSIE, all subjects in this matter and also individuals of interest to this office such as BEATRICE HEIMAN, DAVID WEINTRAUB and HERBERT SCHIMMEL. Specific instances are as follows:

September 11, 1947 - ESTHER PETERSON contacted FITZGERALD and advised him that the PETERSONS would arrive at his home the next evening.

September 27, 1947 - IRVING KAPLAN, another subject in this case made arrangements with FITZGERALD to visit the FITZGERALD home that evening.

October 1, 1947 - FITZGERALD attempted to contact VEET BASSIE another subject in this case but was unsuccessful.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: October 29, 1947.

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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(HAROLD GLASSER)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

## SUMMARY

Pursuant to your instructions there is attached hereto a blind memorandum on Harold Glasser, a subject in the Gregory case who is being considered for employment with the World Bank.

SUGGESTION

It is suggested that the attached memorandum be delivered to Mr. John J. McCloy, president of the World Bank, for his information and any action he deems advisable. It is further suggested that he be specifically requested to treat this information in strict confidence in view of the current investigation being conducted of Glasser and others in the Gregory case.

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**October 28, 1947**

TE 6-21-82 RV 406 Bldg HAROLD GLASSER

Harold Glauser is presently employed by the United States Treasury Department as Director of Monetary Research. He is presently a principal subject of an extensive investigation involving suspected underground Soviet espionage operations centered in agencies of the United States Government.

## Background

Harold Glasser was born on November 25, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois. He attended the University of Chicago for a period of eight years and Harvard University for one year. He married Faye Cohen at Rockville, Maryland, on July 7, 1932. He has been employed by the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C., the Labor Bureau of the Middle West and the Work Projects Administration, both in Chicago, Illinois, and the Department of Agriculture, Minneapolis, Minnesota. On November 23, 1936, he was employed by the United States Treasury Department at which time his superior was Harry Dexter White, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and a prominent subject in this same investigation involving suspected underground Soviet espionage operations centered in agencies of the United States Government. Glasser has been employed by the Treasury Department to the present time.

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In 1940 Mr. Glasser was detailed to the Government of Ecuador as an expert in financial and economic matters. In 1943, as an official of the Treasury Department, he was detailed to the State Department and sent to North Africa where he served in the Civil Affairs Section of General Eisenhower's staff. In 1944 he represented the Treasury Department at conferences on Italian financial matters and during the same year he was approved by the President to represent the Government of the United States at the Second Session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at Montreal, Canada. In 1945 he served as a member of the American delegation to the United Nations Reparations Commission in Moscow, Russia, and also represented the United States Government at the Third Council Session of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at London, England. Also, in 1945 he was designated as one of the Treasury Department's experts to serve on General MacArthur's staff in Tokyo, which assignment never materialized.

(65-5602-621; 101-3599-10) in connection with the [redacted] and [redacted]

### Communist Activities

It is known that this was a previous residence of Harold and Faye Glasser in Chicago.

One of the prominent officials for this organization was Boris Gopstein, who is known to be presently holding a position with the Soviet Government in the USSR.

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(Agt's. WFO)

A confidential source has indicated that Harold Glasser and his wife have also been members of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and the Spanish Aid Committee, which organizations have been variously referred to as Communist front organizations. The Washington Committee for Democratic Action has been declared subversive by the Attorney General. (100-4590-9;

Rpt. SA N.P. Holmann, Wash., D.C., 6-19-42\*United American Spanish Aid Committee\*\* A reliable informant has advised that Harold Glasser was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., in the 1930's. This same source stated that he was certain that it was the same Harold Glasser who had been sent to Ecuador by the United States as an economist. Another individual identified by this informant was Victor Perlo, a present Treasury Department employee. Others were John Abt and George Silverman. These individuals were identified as being members of the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C., at that time. All of these persons are prominently connected with this investigation.

(100-330203-4; Mrs. Katherine Perlo, divorced wife of Victor Perlo) Page Cohen Glasser has, through a confidential source, been determined to be a member of the League of Women Shoppers and to have served on the Executive Board of that organization. This group has been reported to be a Communist front organization. (Files of Wash. League of Women Shoppers; Agt's. WFO; (100-7053-131)

#### Suspected Connections with Soviet Espionage

The following information reflecting the suspected implication of Harold Glasser in Soviet espionage operations has been furnished by an admittedly important Soviet espionage agent who was active in Soviet espionage operations from approximately 1938 to 1945, and who severed his connections with the Soviet intelligence in 1945. For obvious reasons of security, the identity of this former Soviet agent is not being revealed and he is being referred to merely as an informant. For more than a year a most intensive investigation has been conducted on the basis of information furnished by this informant. This investigation has failed to indicate any falsification of information furnished by him.

In 1938, the informant, then a confirmed Communist, was furnishing information to a person known to him as F. Brown, who has been identified as Feruccio Marini, an important Italian Communist in New York City, who has been frequently reported to have served as an agent of the Communist International. During the fall of 1938, Marini introduced the informant to an individual originally known to the informant as "Tim" or "Timmy," who was subsequently identified by the informant as Jacob M. Golos (real name Jakob Raisin or Rasin), who is known to have been for many years a most important Soviet espionage agent. The informant, from 1938 until Golos died on November 27, 1943, served as a Soviet espionage agent under Golos' direction.

\*Washington Committee for Spanish Refugees Aid, American Rescue Ship Mission  
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According to the informant, Jacob N. Golos was from at least 1941, until his death in 1943, his superior in New York City who had agents working for him in Washington, D. C., employed in various Government departments. These individuals obtained highly important and confidential information in connection with their employment for him. The informant was the courier and intermediary between Golos in New York City and his successors and these espionage agents in Washington, D. C., from the summer of 1941 until the end of 1945. After Golos died, the informant's efforts were directed by a number of Soviet espionage agents known only to him by cover names. The informant was in frequent contact with these Soviet agents until late 1945. Many of them have not been identified, but it is known that the last Soviet superior with whom the informant was in contact was known to him only as "Al," who has been identified as Anatoli Borisovich Gromov, former First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., who departed from the United States on December 7, 1945.

During the period the informant served as courier in this espionage operation he made regular and frequent trips to Washington, D. C., to collect information from the numerous Soviet espionage agents operating in Government agencies as a part of this espionage ring. Much of the information was on undeveloped and developed film portraying copies of highly secret and important documents temporarily abstracted from the files of various Government agencies by the espionage agents involved. The film and other information were regularly delivered by the informant to Golos, and allegedly it was later turned over to other Soviet superiors. This information was then allegedly made available through channels of the Soviet intelligence service to the Soviet Union.

#### Allegations of the Informant

The informant advised that Golos had indicated to him in November of 1943 that Golos, through Earl Browder, had established contact with a group in Washington, D. C. Subsequently, in the early part of 1944, Earl Browder indicated to the informant that he would make arrangements for the informant to meet with this same group and that the meeting would be held in the apartment of John Abt in New York City. [The informant thereupon held a meeting with representatives of this group, which was referred to by the informant as the Perlo group. At the time of this meeting the informant learned that Harold Glasser was also a member of this particular group. It was indicated that Harold Glasser had been out of the United States as a representative of the U. S. Treasury Department, that he had returned in the early part of 1944, and was thereafter stationed in the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. It was further indicated that Glasser was closely associated with and was probably an assistant to Harry Dexter White, who was at that time an official of the Treasury Department.] *rel*

According to the informant, Harold Glasser subsequently furnished general information concerning the activities of the Treasury Department, particularly concerning proposed loans by the United States to foreign countries. He also supplied information originating in the Foreign Economic Administration, which information had been sent to the Treasury Department.

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After Harold Glasser's return from Europe, Victor Perlo, the head of the Perlo group, advised the informant that Glasser had requested to be allowed to return as a member of this group. The informant was advised by Perlo that Glasser and one or two others had previously been taken over by an American in a government agency in Washington and turned over to a Russian contact. The identity of this American was not known to Perlo. The informant later determined from Charles Kramer, another member of the Perlo group, that the person who had originally taken Glasser away from this group was an individual named Hiss in the U. S. State Department. This person is believed to be identical with Alger Hiss, a former State Department official who is a subject in this investigation. The informant further advised that Harold Glasser was a known member of the Communist Party.

In connection with the activities of the Perlo group, the informant stated that approximately four or five days prior to Christmas, 1944, he met Victor Perlo at Mary Price's apartment in New York City and gave Perlo Christmas presents for himself and other members of the Perlo group. These Christmas gifts were purchased on the instructions of the informant's Soviet contact, at that time known to him only as "Jack." Reimbursement for these gifts was made to the informant by "Jack." The informant advised that Christmas presents were purchased for each member of the group, as well as members of their respective families.

The informant has further advised that two other individuals who were active in this espionage parallel were Virginus Frank Coe and William Henry Taylor, both of whom were formerly employed in the U. S. Treasury Department and who are now employed by the ~~War Relocation Authority~~. While at the Treasury Department, they were close associates of Harry Dexter White.

*Conf. Monetary fund 3.48.*

Collateral Information from Other Sources (65-56402-220; Conf. Int. Gregory)

During the course of the investigation of Harold Glasser and his wife, it has been determined that they have on many occasions been in the company of Allan Rosenberg, another subject of this investigation. It has also been determined that Harold Glasser has also been in contact with other persons who have been reported to be members of alleged Communist front organizations but the connection of these individuals with this investigation has not been determined.

On November 25, 1945, a reliable source advised that Charles Kramer, alias Krivitsky, another subject of this investigation, visited at the Glasser residence.

Investigation has further reflected that Victor Perlo, another subject of this investigation, was formerly employed by the Treasury Department in the office of Harold Glasser. Both of these individuals were directly responsible to Harry Dexter White while he was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of Monetary Research.



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On July 25, 1946, a party was held at the home of Harold Glasser at 5410 Cathedral Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., at which Schlomer (Sol) Adler, another subject of this investigation, was present, as well as Allan Rosenberg and his wife. Allan Rosenberg is also a subject of this case. Others in attendance were Joseph B. Friedman, a Treasury Department attorney, and Samuel Miller, an employee of the War Assets Administration. Miller is known to be a former assistant to Harold Glasser in the Treasury Department.

Investigation has disclosed that Allan Rosenberg has been a frequent contact of Glasser, and it has likewise been determined that John Abt, mentioned hereinbefore, and William Ludwig Ullmann, a former employee of the Treasury Department, have also been in contact with Glasser. *rel*

Persons mentioned as "other subjects" herein have, according to the informant, been similarly active in this operational set up in furnishing information from Government sources.

#### Interview

When Harold Glasser was interviewed in April, 1947, in connection with the above allegations and surrounding circumstances, he furnished the following information:

At the outset he denied furnishing any confidential information or any information obtained by him during his employment with the Government to any unauthorized person or group of persons who were not entitled to it. He also denied having any knowledge or being a member of any group who obtained or attempted to obtain information from the United States Government for the purpose of furnishing that information to any member of the Communist Party or to any unauthorized source.

Glasser stated that in 1933 or 1934 he was living at 7429 Constance Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At that time he was definitely interested in the theories of the Communist Party and described himself as a "leftist." He said that one of his close friends at that time was Art Witt, a member of the Communist Party in Chicago. He stated that he attended a number of Communist Party gatherings and meetings as well as one or two "cloak and dagger" meetings with him where they went into hidden cellars in the best underground method. He said that Witt had asked him to become a Communist Party member but that he "laughed it off" and refused to become a member of the Party. He stated that he has never been a member of the Communist Party.

Glasser advised that during the period 1933 to 1935 when he was an instructor in the People's Junior College in Chicago, Illinois, he was a member of the American League Against War and Fascism. He said that he may have contributed funds to that organization but that he could not definitely recall that he did. Glasser denied that he had at any time been active in the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. He said that he received pamphlets which he believed were from that organization and that he may have been on their mailing list.

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Glasser advised that he first met Victor Perlo in Washington, D. C., around 1937 or 1938. He advised that when Perlo attempted to secure employment in the Monetary Division of the Treasury Department about one and one-half years previously, Glasser opposed his appointment since that division was concerned with international affairs and Glasser felt that Perlo's appointment would be at cross purposes with the aims of the division. He stated that in spite of his protest Perlo was employed. He said that Perlo remained in the Treasury Department until March or April, 1947, at which time Glasser informed him that he would have to resign since an FBI investigation had developed unfavorably concerning him along security lines.

He advised that from November, 1942, to January, 1943, he was on loan to the War Production Board and during that time he saw a great deal of Victor Perlo. During that same period he also saw Harry Magdoff whom he stated he knew only casually at the War Production Board through his business contacts with Magdoff.

Glasser advised that he first met Harry Dexter White in November, 1936, when Glasser went to the Treasury Department for an interview concerning a position that was open. He said he later found out that his name had been recommended to Harry White by Virginus Frank Coe, a former classmate of Glasser at the University of Chicago. He said that at the time he was hired at the Treasury Department on November 23, 1936, Harry White's section was engaged in assisting former President Roosevelt in the inauguration of various economic plans in furtherance of the New Deal. Glasser said that he and Harry White worked together nights and week ends at the Treasury Department and at White's residence; therefore, he became extremely close to White until some time around the first part of 1940 when for some unknown reason White's friendship "sourred" and he actually sent Glasser to South America to get rid of him.

Glasser stated that about 1938 he met Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullmann at Harry White's residence and subsequently he and his wife were invited to the Silvermaster home. The Silvermasters and Ullmann were, according to the informant, deeply involved in this underground espionage parallel.

Concerning Alger Hiss, Glasser stated that he first met him at an interdepartmental committee meeting in 1938. He said that he does not know him socially and had very little contact with him at any time. However, he did state that he knew his brother, Donald Hiss, who handled international loans at the State Department for some time. He stated that he recalls having met Alger Hiss on a street car in 1945 and on another occasion he met him and his wife and child while walking along the canal. He said he last saw Alger Hiss at the Wardman Park Hotel in September, 1946.

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In connection with John Abt, previously mentioned herein, Glasser advised that he first met Abt in Chicago, Illinois, in 1932. He said that Abt has been a very close friend of his since then, although he has only seen him on a few occasions since the beginning of World War II. *rel*

Glasser advised that he has a very close social acquaintance with Lee Pressman which dates back to his earlier acquaintanceship in the early 1930's with John Abt. He said he last saw John Abt a year or two ago for a short time in Washington, D. C. *rel*

Glasser advised that he first met Charles Kramer in 1937 or 1938 at a social gathering at Abt's home in Washington. He said that he has never known Kramer very well but that he has seen him around quite a bit since Kramer and Herbert Schimmel frequently dropped in at the Treasury Department in connection with former Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau's plan for the economic partition of Germany. He said the last time he saw Kramer was on November 25, 1945, when Kramer called at his home. He said he recalled that Charles Kramer was originally employed by John Abt on the LaFollette Committee in Washington. He advised that in 1943 while he was on a special assignment to North Africa, his wife and the family of Charles Kramer got together at some social functions. *rel*

Glasser stated that he first met Donald Wheeler, another subject involved in this matter, at the U. S. Treasury Department. He said that he recalls that Wheeler left the Treasury Department in order to work for a Senator. He said that he never had any social contacts with him but that he does see him occasionally on the street car or on the streets of Washington.

He stated that he first met Allan Rosenberg some time prior to 1940. He does not recall the circumstances of the meeting and stated that he knew him only casually at that time. However, when he returned from South America in 1942, Glasser got to know Rosenberg much better inasmuch as he had moved into Glasser's neighborhood. The friendship grew until now Rosenberg is regarded as an intimate friend.

Sol Lischinsky, according to the informant, was a member of Glasser's group in this espionage parallel. Glasser stated that he met Lischinsky in Chicago, Illinois, in 1932. He advised that Lischinsky lived in the same building where Virginus Frank Coe lived and that he taught in the People's Junior College where Glasser was an instructor. He regards Lischinsky as a very close friend.

Glasser said that he met Edward Fitzgerald through his business contacts with the Foreign Economic Administration and that he knows him only slightly.

Glasser said that he first met William Henry Taylor at the Treasury Department in 1942 when Glasser returned from South America and that he has had a close social connection with him since.

In conclusion Glasser said that he regards himself as an intellectual who came from an intellectual family. He said he realizes that intellectuals are not too stable and also realizes that he has wasted a great deal of time "playing around" with intellectuals during his life. He also stated that he feels that he is a "liberal." He said that in the years prior to his coming to the Treasury Department he had many liberal and radical friends and that they engaged in intellectual discussions on numerous topics. However, since coming to the Treasury Department his discussions with intellectual groups have gradually disappeared. Glasser said that he has many radical and liberal friends but regardless of his associations, he has never engaged in furnishing any information to unauthorized persons which had come to his attention in his official capacity. (65-56102-2607)

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

DATE: October 27 1947

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Mr. Gurnea	
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On Saturday, I took a call by reference from your office from John H. McCloy, President of the World Bank. He stated that he was desirous of having Colonel Chauncey Parker, in charge of the administrative work with World Bank, call at the Bureau.

On Monday, in accordance with these arrangements, Mr. Parker called at my office this morning and advised that he could be reached on Executive 6360, Ext. 2216. He stated that Mr. McCloy was very interested in one Harold Glasser of the Treasury Department, whom he considered one of the outstanding experts on money in the country, that it was Mr. McCloy's desire to put him in charge of the working out and handling of the Marshall plan; however, it is not desired to do so in the event there was any derogatory information available on Glasser. He requested that he be furnished a summary of any information in the Bureau's files.

I pointed out to Mr. Parker that, of course, the World Bank was not a Government agency, but was merely a quasi-Governmental one and that I would, therefore submit his request to you for your instructions. He pointed out that, of course, the United States has thirty-seven per cent of the financial interest in the World Bank and that it would be very detrimental to the operation of the bank if anyone was appointed in charge of the Marshall Program on whom any derogatory information was later developed. Mr. Parker asked me to submit his request to you and to let him know.

I believe although McCloy has never been friendly that the Bureau should furnish the information in the Bureau's files on Glasser to him. I believe that the Bureau might be subject to criticism if we failed to furnish such information.

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Office Memorandum  
TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT: Harold Glasser  
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*File - Gregory*

Pursuant to your request, Mr. Roach contacted Mr. Charles Parker, Administrative Officer of the World Bank. You will recall that Mr. Parker called on the Bureau at the request of Mr. John H. McCloy, President of the World Bank, and desired information on Mr. Harold Glasser.

Mr. Roach supplied to Mr. Parker and, at his request, to Mr. Robert L. Garner, First Vice President of the World Bank, information on Glasser contained in the attached memorandum dated October 28, 1947.

After being informed of the nature of the information, Mr. Garner stated that he would inform Mr. McCloy that the World Bank was not interested in hiring Glasser. Mr. Garner stated that the World Bank could not afford to take on an individual if his loyalty was questioned and that certainly the information in the possession of the Bureau more than casts a doubt on his loyalty.

As a matter of interest to the Bureau it should be noted that Messrs. Virginus Frank Coe and William Henry Taylor are not employed by the World Bank but rather the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Garner made the observation that the Bureau had stated that they were with the World Bank and asked that a note be made in the Bureau's records that these individuals were not with the Bank but were with the Fund. He stated that there is a great distinction between the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Garner stated that he was highly appreciative of the information given to him and that he wished to thank Mr. Hoover for making this information available on such short notice. He also asked that should the Bureau obtain information of a derogatory nature concerning any employee of the World Bank, he would greatly appreciate it being given to him. He stated that their position was so precarious that they could not afford to have any individual in the employ of the World Bank who was not 100 per cent loyal.

It is suggested this memorandum be referred to the Internal Security Section so that appropriate notice may be taken of the employment of Coe and Taylor.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: October 4, 1947

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title GREGORY CASE

IRVING KAPLAN

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R

Field Office: Washington Field Office

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance: (Technical or  
Microphone) Technical

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1. Subject's name and address:

IRVING KAPLAN  
3354 Martha Curtis Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia

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2. Location of technical operation:

1119 North Pitt Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

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3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized November 30, 1945  
Installed December 8, 1945

4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

none

5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved:

See attached

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6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

9. Manpower and costs involved:

No additional operating cost

10. Remarks (By SAC):

In view of the valuable information received in the past it is recommended that this surveillance be continued.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

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12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

In view of the type of information being received through this surveillance, it is recommended that it be continued for an additional six months pending further recommendations from the field..

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

OK  
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(5)

Information received from this installation shows the subject in contact with other subjects in the Gregory Case and individuals of interest to this office such as FRANK COE, GEORGE PERAZICH, CHARLES KRAMER, SOLOMON ADLER, HARRY MAGDOFF, HARRY D. WHITE, ELIZABETH AND RICHARD SASULY.

Specific instances of such contacts are as follows:

August 7, 1947 - KAPLAN contacted by GILBERT NEEDLEMAN from New York City who is the Attorney for Amtorg. NEEDLEMAN made arrangements to visit the KAPLANS in Washington over the week-end.

August 14, 1947 - VEET BASSIE another subject in this case contacted KAPLAN and discussed with him a proposition to collaborate in writing a book and suggested talking it over at length when they could get together. They also agree to get together for lunch that day.

September 20, 1947 - One BOB FOLKOFF who is believed to be the son of IRVING FOLKOFF contacted KAPLAN and arranged to have dinner with him that evening. KAPLAN agreed to pick FOLKOFF up at the Carlton Hotel and this contact was covered by physical surveillance.

September 22, 1947 - KAPLAN contacted ED FITZGERALD another subject in this case and was invited by FITZGERALD to visit their home that afternoon.

September 25, 1947 - MURRAY LATIMER, another subject in this case discussed with KAPLAN an individual named Mrs. MARIE FAIRFAX.

September 27, 1947 - KAPLAN contacted ED FITZGERALD another subject in this case and FITZGERALD invited KAPLAN over to his home that evening.

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GREGORY; ESP. R. T. J. DONEGAN REQUESTS PRESENT LOCATION FOR  
SUBPOENA PURPOSES OF FOLLOWING SUBJECTS IN INSTANT CASE. SCHLOMER  
ADLER, MICHAEL GREENBERG, JOSEPH B. GREGG, J. JULIUS JOSEPH, CHARLES  
KRAMER, GEORGE M. PERAZICH, MARY PRICE, BERNARD REDMONT, ALLAN  
ROSENBERG, AND DONALD M. WHEELER. LATEST INFO THIS DIVISION  
REFLECTS ADLER IN CHINA, GREENBERG AND JOSEPH IN LONDON, ENGLAND,  
GREGG IN LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA, KRAMER IN FAIRLINGTON APARTMENTS,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., PERAZICH AT FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT FIVE DORCHESTER AVE.,  
CHICAGO, ILL., MARY PRICE AT NINE NAUGHT THREE COURTLAND STREET,  
GREENSBORO, NC, REDMONT IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, ROSENBERG AT SIX  
NINE FIVE FIVE BROOKS LANE, BROOKMONT, MD., AND WHEELER CARE OF MRS.  
J. B. LUKES, ONE TWO TWO SIX WARREN PLACE, SEATTLE, WASH.

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

Attn: Assistant Director D. M. Ladd

DATE: October 24,

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY

Forwarded herewith is an item appearing in the New York "Sun" of October 24th, 1947 by EDWARD WELLS.

Inasmuch as the Bureau has previously expressed interest in items such as these, this article is forwarded promptly for the Bureau's attention.

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# **Thomas Committee to Reveal Some Clove Domestic Espionage Next Week.**

**By EDWARD NELLOR**

*Special to The New York Sun.*

*The New York Sun Bureau, Washington, Oct. 24.*

A corner of the Red blanket of espionage that covered the nation during the war years will be partially lifted on Monday before the Thomas Committee on un-American Activities. This peek at the ruthless spying within the United States will not be unfolded completely and may never be unless details of the FBI's vigilance against the inroads of Communist agents is revealed in full by the Grand Jury now sitting in New York, The Sun has learned today.

What J. Parnell Thomas (R.-N. J.), chairman of the House committee, has to reveal on the first day of the hearing next week dealing with Red activity in Hollywood is a prelude to the complete story of disloyal Americans who shuffled their patriotism in disclosing national secrets that were vital to the nation's security. Thomas previously informed The Sun that the disclosures scheduled for Monday involve actual espionage, but only touches on the fringe of the Hollywood Communists.

The Sun revealed in August of this year that the FBI was about to smash a spy ring that has been described by security officials as "gigantic." Since this revelation numerous reports have followed to substantiate the initial assertion that when the full story is told the Canadian capture of Russian agents will be considered mild in comparison. On Monday the Red tracks of a secret agent of a foreign Power will be traced by the Thomas committee investigators.

## **Sensational, Says Thomas.**

For weeks these investigators have been gathering evidence that will lead to the disclosures which have been termed "sensational" by Thomas. Before the Hollywood hearings on Communist infiltration are completed the activities of another high Government official will be thoroughly exposed. This official

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## WARTIME DISLOYALTY TO BE INVESTIGATED

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still holds a vital position of trust in the Government.

One of the individuals who will be revealed as an associate of the Communist agents in the United States is a high official in a leading labor organization. He long ago came to the attention of the Thomas group and the FBI.

During the weeks in which The Sun has been investigating the scope of Red espionage in the United States, top administration officials have remained silent. A previous Sun disclosure of missing atomic bomb data from Oak Ridge and other atomic energy installations drew rapid denials which have since been proved to have been hasty and ill-considered. However, it is not known by these same top officials that one of the suspected espionage agents is an atomic physicist.

Repeated demands for action on the part of appropriate Government authorities against the Communists has been voiced repeatedly by witnesses before the Thomas group. These individuals, including some of Hollywood's most prominent actors and directors who are violently anti-Communist, have asked for action against the Red-Fascists they know are operating on behalf of Russia today. All of the individuals heard have made pleas for Congress to define Communists as agents of Russia, so that legal action to halt the Red menace can be undertaken.

On Monday the first step will be taken to reveal the extent of the subversive ring that has operated here since 1934. Some of those who will eventually be accused have enjoyed the confidence of White House occupants and have worked into high places in the Government. Canada first moved against the Communists there, and tipped off United States officials that many of the nation's war secrets were being shuttled to Moscow. South and Central American countries have followed suit recently in rounding up the Communist agents suspected of espionage activities. Here, where security agencies have long been anxious to act, there are troublesome questions of diplomatic immunity that must be considered. However, the security officials assert, when the major round-up occurs it will be complete and startling.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 10-17-47

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

SUBJECT:

Mr. Graham Morison telephoned and wanted to know what the "inside dope" on the resignation of Herbert Marks was. I told him we knew nothing about this and he requested in the event we received any information, he be advised. I told him there was no probability we would hear anything about it.

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NEWARK BEING REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF VOLKOV STILL RESIDING WITH  
SILVERMASTER AT HARVEY CEDARS, NJ. [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: ① GREGORY CASE

DATE: November 3, 1947

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In your absence, ASAC Belmont called from NY at 10:30 A. M. today (11/3) and advised that the NY Herald Tribune yesterday had featured a story regarding the dismissal of 7 State Department employees "without revealing the charges against them." The article went on to say that these employees had engaged the law firm of Thurman Arnold, Abe Fortas, and Paul Porter to defend them. Mr. Belmont also stated that today's issue of the NY Herald Tribune carried additional information relative to this matter. He stated he was calling this matter to the Bureau's attention in order that it would be aware that this aspect of the Gregory Case was receiving such attention.

I told Mr. Belmont that the Washington Post for yesterday and today carried stories on this case and explained to him that the Washington articles were written by Bert Andrews, who is Chief Washington Correspondent of the NY Herald Tribune. Apparently the articles appearing in the Post and the Tribune are identical.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: November 3, 1947

FROM : F. L. Jones

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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(P. Bernard Nortman)

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Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

Pursuant to your instructions the writer contacted Mr. Vincent Hurley in the Liaison Section and instructed him to have one of the Liaison representatives contact Mr. Jack Neal at the State Department immediately and find out, if possible, what the State Department has in its files on Nortman other than the information which was furnished to the State Department by the Bureau.

At 12:30 P. M. today Mr. Hurley advised the writer that Jack Neal stated that he does not have the file on Nortman, but he is making attempts to locate it. He stated that when the file is located he will immediately get in touch with Mr. Hurley. Jack Neal stated further that Nortman was interrogated for twelve hours by Hamilton Robinson's office prior to his dismissal and during the course of this interrogation the information the State Department received from the Bureau could have been used, and, therefore, Nortman would have knowledge of its source.

ACTION:

The foregoing is for your information. The writer will follow this matter closely with Mr. Hurley.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable John J. McCloy  
President  
International Bank for Reconstruction  
and Development  
1818 H Street, Northwest  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCloy:

*Re: Gregory Case.*

In accordance with your request I am attaching hereto a summary of information contained in the files of this Bureau concerning Harold Glasser.

I will appreciate your keeping this information in strict confidence inasmuch as Mr. Glasser and others mentioned in the attached memorandum are currently under investigation by this Bureau.

Your attention is invited to references made in the memorandum to Virginus Frank Coe and William Henry Taylor, both of whom are employed by the World Bank at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

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SAC, New York

October 30, 1947

Director, FBI

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LEON BELFAND  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

This document was reviewed in connection with the Rosenberg Case and is unclassified.  
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Reference is made to Gregory's statement as set out in the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, dated December 5, 1945, at New York City, in the case entitled "N. Gregory Silvermaster, with aliases, et al; Espionage - R."

Your particular attention is invited to page nine wherein Gregory stated, "Sometime in the fall of 1939, as I recall, Golos told me about an individual by the name of Gelfand or Belfand who I subsequently learned through Golos and 'Jack' was a Russian diplomat who fled Europe with \$50,000 in cash and came to the United States. Golos told me he went to Hoboken, New Jersey, where the ship on which Gelfand was a passenger was to dock and that they followed Gelfand when he got off the boat to New York City, where they lost him on Canal Street. It appears that they got the license number of the car in which Gelfand was traveling, but for some reason got the number mixed up and had some difficulty in identifying the owner of this car. However, it was later determined that the car in which Gelfand was traveling belonged to a dentist who had an office in East New York, Brooklyn. I recall that at one time Golos took me in an automobile to the vicinity of this dentist's office and conducted a surveillance of this establishment in the hope that this dentist would lead him to the whereabouts of Gelfand."

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"I later learned from Golos that Gelfand was living on the south side of West 72nd Street in the second apartment house from Riverside Drive in New York City. Some time later 'Jack' told me that they had followed this individual for some time but eventually lost track of him and he is now believed to be residing some place in the State of Virginia."



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it is recalled that Gregory at one time stated that "Charlie" sent instructions to Silvermaster in the Russian language. During the course of this interview a description of the dentist should be obtained in detail. If Helfand can identify and furnish information concerning this dentist, Gregory should then be contacted for possible further identifying data with respect to him.

You are instructed to handle this matter promptly and advise the Bureau of the results of this interview.

CC: Washington

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE (R)  
(P. BERNARD NORTMAN)118  
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DATE: November 3, 1947

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated November 2, 1947. You will recall that Informant Gregory, when shown a photograph of Nortman, advised that Nortman and she in about 1936 were both in Unit One of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and she saw him very frequently at Communist Party meetings. She said that in about 1937 this unit was split up and Nortman became associated with another unit but she still saw him around Columbia University and he was still active in the Party. She positively recalled that Nortman had a Party name but she was unable to recall it.

The New York Office was instructed to exhibit a photograph of Nortman to any available confidential informants [redacted] in an effort to further identify Nortman as a Party member and particularly to determine his Party name.

The New York Office advised by letter dated April 28, 1947, that [redacted]

[redacted] were contacted in an effort to identify Nortman as a Party member during that period and the result was negative.

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You may recall, however, as set out in my memorandum of November 2, 1947, [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TAMM

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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DATE: November 3, 1947

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Miss Gandy

Special Agent Ryan of the Washington Field Office called and advised that Bob Bullock in the office of Valentine Wilson of the State Department had called and wanted to talk to the Agents who had conducted the investigation of Nortman in order to obtain additional information. Mr. Bullock was advised that the Agents were not available.

I instructed Mr. Ryan to tell Mr. Bullock or anyone else from the State Department who made inquiries for information concerning this matter that they should direct their requests by letter to the Bureau.

Bullock did not disclose the type of information he was interested in.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *EL*  
 FROM : F. L. Jones *EL*  
 SUBJECT: P. BERNARD NORTMAN *EL*

DATE: November 6, 1947

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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Concerning our efforts to locate the file on Nortman in the State Department, Mr. D. V. Hurley of the Liaison Section advised the writer at 3:10 P.M. today that Ralph Roach had determined that Mr. Jack Neal was not at the State Department; that Neal is presently in New York and will not be back until Monday. It is probable that Nortman's file is in the possession of Mr. Hamilton Robinson and Mr. Hurley was of the opinion that we should not make any efforts to obtain it from him but we should wait until Neal returns to Washington on Monday.

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# Office Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : V. P. Keady

SUBJECT: HERBERT MARKS' RESIGNATION  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

DATE: November 1, 1947

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There is attached a copy of the press release authorized and issued by the Atomic Energy Commission concerning the resignation of Marks.

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16 OCTOBER AND NOT BEFORE 6 PM  
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HERBERT S. MARKS RESIGNS AS GENERAL COUNSEL  
OF UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission today announced the resignation of Herbert S. Marks as General Counsel. Mr. Marks, who has served with the Commission since it was organized in October 1946, asked that his resignation be effective "not later than November 30."

In his letter of resignation, dated October 14, 1947, Mr. Marks said, "my personal situation is such that I find it necessary to turn to private practice in order to make adequate provision for my obligations."

The Commission, in a letter accepting the resignation said that the circumstances described by Mr. Marks "leave us no alternative but to concur in your decision to resign, but we do so with great regret and a deep sense of loss to the entire program for which the Atomic Energy Commission is responsible." Mr. Marks said he expected to enter the practice of law in Washington.

The Commission's letter, signed by Chairman David E. Lilienthal, praised Mr. Marks' handling of the Commission's "unprecedented and complex" legal problems, including the handling of the transfer of the Manhattan District's two-billion dollar program to the Atomic Energy Commission and "the building up of a legal staff of exceptional ability." Prior to the transfer of the Manhattan District funds, personnel and facilities to the Commission on January 1, 1947, Mr. Marks was assigned to the Commission by the State Department from his post as Special Assistant to Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson. During the war, Mr. Marks was with the War Production Board as Assistant General Counsel and Acting Director of the Power Division.

"You have already contributed so much during the initial and critical months since the Commission was organized," said the Chairman's letter, "and your counsel to the Commission has been so sound, so sensible, and so professionally competent that each one of us feels that for us no longer to have your counsel in the work ahead is most unfortunate for this Commission and for the country. You have brought to this work unique qualifications, high talents as a lawyer, extensive experience in government, and single-minded devotion to your country."

"As you enter private law practice, you take with you our admiration for work well done, our respect for your high attainments, and our affectionate greetings and good wishes for continued success."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(P. Bernard Nortman)

DATE: November 18, 1947

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated November 2, 1947, which is attached hereto, and to your notation which pointed out that statements in paragraph 2 on page 6 and paragraph 6 on page 6 were confusing since we stated that the results of the interview were not furnished by the FBI, and later we say all information in our files and all developments were furnished to the State Department. For your information and clarification, all of the information developed during the course of the investigation of Nortman up to the time he was interviewed was furnished to the State Department; however, the results of the interview were not made available to the State Department by the Bureau.

Your attention is directed to paragraph 5 on page 5 in memorandum which stated that the Bureau's file does not reflect the date of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nortman. I have now been advised that the Nortmans were married on May 18, 1938.

Pages 5 and 7 have been retyped to handle the above corrections.

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For Your Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

*Paragraph 2 on P. 8 & Par. 6 on P. 6 confuse me. We say results of interview were not furnished by 7-10-83 & later we say all information in our files & all developments were furnished State Dept.*

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TO : THE DIRECTOR  
FROM : Mr. D. M. LADD

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DATE: November 2, 1947

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(P. Bernard Nortman)

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Reference is made to the attached article which appeared in the Sunday edition of the Washington Post dated November 2, 1947, entitled, "Security Firing Case History Given." This article described the methods used by the State Department and the Bureau to rid the State Department of persons believed to be disloyal or bad security risks. It outlines the case of an individual who was dismissed from a State Department position without revealing his name. The article stated that the disclosure of what happened to him came entirely from documents which were quoted and which it stated contained in part his own statements and that others are from State Department sources or from a State Department hearing. (u)

For your information, the individual is undoubtedly P. Bernard Nortman, a subject in the Gregory Case who was investigated by the Bureau as early as July, 1946. Nortman was employed by the State Department in the Economic Security Control Office until his dismissal for security reasons on July 23, 1947.

The article stated that in the summer of 1946, the Bureau put two Agents on him and kept close watch on his "daily comings and going for eight months." It was stated that they took a picture of him one day as he crossed the street with a woman employee in the office where he was at the time. Subsequently, it stated that they showed the picture to his wife in his presence. (u)

With respect to this portion of the article, Nortman's investigation was begun in July, 1946, because he was a known contact of Victor Perlo, another principal subject, and Dr. Abraham B. Weinstein, a New York City dentist who was suspected of being identical with the unknown "Charlie," the Soviet superior of Jacob M. Golos in this espionage parallel. He is also a known contact of another subject, William Walter Remington. (u)

The surveillance began on July 30, 1946 and was discontinued on July 25, 1947. This was an intermittent spot surveillance which was for the purpose of determining his contacts during lunch hours and after working hours. It was further utilized to cover any possible meets as developed through a technical surveillance on his residence. (u)

Concerning the picture that was taken of him, Special Agent Charles G. Cleveland of the Washington Field Office advised that Nortman

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and the woman were photographed by him during the course of the surveillance in order to obtain a picture of him to be displayed to our informant Gregory in New York City. The picture was taken one morning when Nortman and the girl left the State Department to go to a near-by restaurant and returned. Moving pictures were taken and a still photograph was developed from one of the shots. This photograph of Nortman was subsequently identified by Gregory as an individual that she knew as a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party in New York City in about 1936. Special Agent Cleveland has advised that the photograph of Nortman and the girl was shown to Nortman on the night of April 15, 1947, at his home for the purpose of identifying the woman who accompanied him when it was taken. Cleveland stated that the photograph was not displayed to Nortman's wife by the Agents. He stated that Nortman was called aside in order to view the picture and to eliminate any embarrassment. After reviewing the photograph, Nortman took it across the room and showed it to his wife.

The article stated that in April, 1947, the Agents visited him and his wife and questioned them closely about their past years and the people they knew and that this was the time they showed her the photograph.

You will recall that the first group of interviews in the Gregory Case was conducted on the night of April 15, 1947. Nortman was one of those interviewed at the time. The interview was conducted by Special Agent Charles G. Cleveland and Special Agent William H. Marr of the Washington Field Office.

During the interview, Nortman was questioned about his membership in the Unit I, Harlem Section of the Communist Party, as alleged by informant Gregory. At this time it was also pointed out to Dorothy Nortman that reliable information also indicated that she had been a member of this same unit and section. Both Nortman and his wife issued a positive denial of these allegations and branded them as "preposterous" and "ridiculous."

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Nortman explained that during his teaching career at Columbia University, he attended numerous group meetings and that on occasions these meetings were extremely liberal or even radical and he suspected that some of them might be considered Communistic. At this time, Dorothy Nortman interrupted and said, "in those days everyone was a radical." It was apparent that both the Nortmans were very much flustered by this line of questioning and displayed considerable agitation.

The article stated that the individual insisted that he is not a Communist as the FBI alleged when they called on him. This statement has been covered previously above.

It is noted that the interview of the individual and his wife was allegedly held at his home on the evening of April 15, 1947, by two FBI Agents and lasted from 7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M. Also, he and his wife were accused of being members of the Communist Party in Harlem, New York, some time about the year 1935, and that he was accused of being a high official in the Party at that time. The charge was also made, according to the article, that they were subsequently transferred to Washington, D. C.

Concerning this portion of the article, the interview was conducted by Agents of the Washington Field Office on the night of April 15, 1947, from 7:08 P. M. until 8:45 P. M. at Nortman's residence, 411 Brook Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Gregory in identifying Nortman stated that he was a member of Unit I of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and that she saw him very frequently at Party meetings and from her observation of his activities she believed he was very active in this unit and could well have been a functionary. She said that Nortman had a Party name which she could not recall.

With further reference to the picture that was taken of Nortman and the woman, this photograph was taken since none was available to exhibit to informant Gregory in New York City. No contact was made with the State Department for a photograph since at that time every precaution was being taken to prevent the subject or any of his associates from

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knowing that we were interested in him. This was the most expedient way to obtain one under the circumstances.

When the Agents interviewed Nortman and his wife, he was questioned concerning the contacts with other subjects in this case and individuals known to have Communist sympathies. He admitted knowing Victor Perlo, a subject, and admitted visiting at Perlo's residence with his wife on December 1, 1945, which he stated was a social visit. When he was questioned about his visit to Perlo's office in the Treasury Department on September 3, 1946, carrying a legal size folder which he apparently left in Perlo's office, Nortman stated that this folder contained a manuscript copy of his uncompleted thesis on the subject, "Economics of the Scrap Iron Industry." He said he gave Perlo the copy of his thesis so that he might criticize it and render his opinions concerning it. He stated he met Perlo at the War Production Board and only knew him socially.

Concerning the visits he had to the offices of Dr. Abraham B. Weinstein, a New York dentist and a subject in this case, Nortman said he knew Dr. Weinstein only as a dentist and spoke highly of him. He said he knew nothing about his background, or personal or business life. He said he did not know Weinstein's first name and that he had paid him around \$400 for dental work performed on him.

Nortman said that he had met Mrs. Mary Jane Kenney, a contact of many of the subjects in the Gregory Case, at the time they both worked together with the Foreign Economic Administration. He said he knew her only socially, but admitted that they had visited on numerous occasions. Upon conclusion of the interview, Nortman stated that he wished again to deny that he was ever at any time affiliated with or active in the Communist Party. He described himself as a "rugged individualist and a subscriber to the policies and doctrines of the late President Roosevelt."

A statement was made in the article which is quoted as follows: "Once they asked me why I got a check, for example at lunch. My little boy went to a nursery school and I had to pay a \$60 bill three days before payday, and I asked a friend of mine, and I borrowed \$100 and I paid him back a week later."

During the course of the interview with Nortman, he was questioned about a check that Leo Fishman had been seen to give him when leaving Hammel's Restaurant after lunch on September 30, 1946. He stated that Fishman was a social acquaintance of his and his wife. It is noted that Fishman was employed by the War Assets Administration with Nathan Gregory

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① Silvermaster, a prominent subject in the Gregory Case. When asked this question, Dorothy Nortman answered quickly stating that this was a personal loan for \$100 or \$200 which was used to buy a washing machine. However, on the day following the interview, Nortman telephonically advised Special Agent Charles Cleveland that this check was in the amount of \$100 and was to pay for his son's tuition at the Georgetown Day School. He said that this loan was repaid to Fishman on the following day or two.

With reference to the portion of the article which states: "They accused me of trying to evade them one day at the Social Security Building because I went down and up from the second floor to the lunch-room twice, I was looking for the two girls whom I hired to type my thesis...". Special Agent Charles Cleveland advised that Nortman was confronted with his activities while under physical surveillance at the Social Security Building and stated that Nortman had explained that he was looking for these two girls as set out in the article. However, it took him some time to decide the reasons for his unusual activities and finally he advised Special Agent Cleveland telephonically of the above reasons about three days after the interview.

In one portion of the article Nortman stated during a State Department hearing that, "The FBI followed me and they admitted that they had to come Saturdays and Sundays and nights."

Special Agent Charles Cleveland advised that at no time during the interview was Nortman told that he was under surveillance day and night or on Sundays. Cleveland said that Nortman could have deduced from the line of questioning and the meetings that he is known to have had that he was followed days, nights and Sundays.

The article stated that the FBI Agents charged him and his wife with having been members of the Communist Party in Harlem, New York, some time about the year 1935. A note was made in the article that he had not yet met his wife in 1935. The files do not reflect that Mrs. Nortman was ever a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

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The Bureau's file reflects that the Nortmans were married on May 18, 1938.


Mention was made in the article that when he was interviewed the Agents did not give any indication whatsoever as to the source of the information, except to say that they knew it came from paid informers.

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Special Agent Charles Cleveland has advised that they gave no indications to the Nortmans as to the use of paid informers. He stated further that this word was never used during the interview at any time. The only indication the interviewing Agents gave to the Nortmans as to the source of information concerning them was to indicate to them that it was obtained from investigation.

The results of the interview with Nortman was not furnished to the State Department, although a request for it was made of the Bureau. The results of the interview were made available to the Attorney General on April 26, 1947 and on May 10, 1947, the Attorney General was advised of the request of the State Department for the results of the interview with Nortman. The Attorney General was requested to advise as to whether this request should be complied with. No answer was received from the Attorney General to this inquiry. If the results of the interview were made available to the State Department, it was through the Attorney General's Office. No subsequent request was made of the Bureau by the State Department for the results of the Nortman interview.

Mr. Jack ~~Neal~~ of the State Department advised me that the State Department was of the opinion that the newspaper item related to P. Bernard Nortman and he further stated that the State Department Committee handling the hearing of Nortman gave a transcript of the hearing to him as well as other persons who were dismissed. Mr. Neal was of the opinion that no one in the State Department had furnished any information to anyone else concerning these hearings.

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It has been mentioned that Porter has been over to the State Department talking with interested persons in connection with these dismissals. It is possible, therefore, that Porter could have been furnished complete information on the Nortman case from the State Department and, therefore, may be the source of this article.

The Bureau's investigation of Nortman in connection with the Gregory Case did not develop a case against him. We never proved that he was passing on any information to other subjects, and particularly to Dr. Weinstein in New York City. However, the circumstances did warrant his investigation.

During the course of the investigation of Nortman, the State

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Department was advised of all of the information in the Bureau's files on Nortman and they were kept currently informed on any developments that resulted from the investigation, except they were not furnished with the results of the interview of Nortman by the Bureau.

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Concerning Nortman's dismissal on that date, the Bureau affirmatively did not make any recommendation to the State Department as to what action they should take concerning Nortman or any of the other persons dismissed.

ADDENDUM. 11-3-47. There is no actual discrepancy between the last paragraph on page 2 which reflects that the agents, on interviewing Nortman and his wife, indicated they had reliable information "that she had been a member of this same unit and section" and the statement on page 5 that the files of the Bureau do not reflect Mrs. Nortman was ever a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party. The Bureau agents who interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Nortman knew

[REDACTED] The informant, Gregory, had identified Nortman as a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the agents made this statement in an effort to obtain some admission from Mrs. Nortman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nortman denied the affiliation as indicated. EAT:ml

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## Case History of a 'Bad Risk'

# Man Fired by State Department Given No Inkling of Charges

By Bert Andrews

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A detailed description was obtained yesterday of the methods used by the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to rid the department of persons believed to be disloyal or bad security risks.

It is the first such description to be published. It deals with the case of one individual who was summarily dismissed from his State Department job.

He was regarded by the department, on the basis of a report from the FBI on the results of eight months of shadowing him, as a bad security risk.

He was not accused of disloyalty.

The name of the individual cannot be revealed because, according to his associates, he is afraid of "reprisals."

They do not say what he means by "reprisals."

The description of what happened to this man comes entirely from documents which will be quoted from here.

Some documents contain his own statements. Some are from State Department sources or from a State Department hearing.

Because the State Department has never revealed—even to him—the nature of the charges against him, there is no way for anyone outside the top echelon of the department to know just what he did or is accused of having done.

There is no way for anyone outside the top echelon to know whether the individual is a victim of a "witch hunt" or is a man guilty of offenses that might warrant even greater punishment than dismissal.

This descriptive article, therefore, is not to be construed as criticism or defense of the State Department's action or as criticism or defense of the record of the man involved.

It is, rather, a point-by-point story of how the investigation was conducted by the FBI and of what the State Department did—a story entirely based on documents.

Some inquiries were made at the State Department yesterday in regard to the case dealt with in the documents and other similar cases. Three developments ensued.

First, the State Department takes the stand

that in such cases it cannot reveal the nature of the charges to the individual concerned lest it thereby "give away" all that it may have learned about him, and lest it tip the investigators' hand to other persons with whom the individual may have associated.

Second, a State Department source acknowledged that it was entirely conceivable that an entirely innocent man might be made the victim of a frame-up, granting the unlikely possibility that sufficient enemies ganged up on him. The source acknowledged something even more important—that under present procedure, such an innocent man would have no more recourse, no more chance of demanding and getting the charges against him, than would, say, an individual guilty of disloyalty and violating security.

Third, the department said it would be very glad if some system of review could be established which would insure any accused individual of the right to have a real review made of his case—a review that would satisfy everyone that no violation of civil liberties had been committed.

Some such system may be worked out.

Meanwhile, on the basis of the documents in the one case, here are some of the major things that emerged:

1. The man worked for the Government from February, 1942, to the date he was "severed"—June 23, 1947.

2. He worked successively for the Office of Price Administration, the War Production Board, the Foreign Economic Administration, and the State Department.

3. In late summer of 1946, the Federal Bureau of Investigation put two agents on him. They kept close watch on his "daily comings and goings." They learned the identities of people he talked to. They took a picture of him one day as he crossed the street with a woman employee in the office he was in at the time. Subsequently, they showed the picture to his wife—in his presence.

4. In April, 1947, the agents visited him and his wife. They questioned them closely about their past years and the people they knew. That

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was the time they showed her the picture.

5. In June, 1947, he was dismissed "without any statement of charges."

6. He was granted a "hearing" in July before four State Department superiors. He was told that it was not in the nature of an appeal, that the case was closed as far as the department was concerned, but that the law did not prohibit his employment by any other agency of the Government.

7. He insists he is not a Communist, as the FBI agents alleged when they called on him, and that his only "association with representatives of foreign powers" was in the course of his official duties at the State Department. (The talk of the FBI men was never formalized in charges.)

8. He feels he is entitled to learn the charges against him and have an opportunity to answer them. He offered, at "the hearing," to send over additional information, and was told to go ahead—"you send it over and we'll slap it in the file."

9. He was denied the right to resign.

10. He was denied the right to see Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Those are the major undisputed facts.

## Affidavit Quoted

The documents from which come the description of how the State Department and the FBI functioned in the case are these:

1. The affidavit given by the man to persons interested in his case. It will be reproduced here in full, save for names.

2. The transcript of the State Department "hearing." It will be reproduced in part.

3. A subsequent affidavit made by the man.

4. A paragraph from a letter by a State Department official to an associate of the man.

The text of the affidavit in which the man tells of his questioning by the FBI and subsequent developments follows in full except for deletion of all names:

"1. On the evening of April 13, 1947, two FBI agents visited my home from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. and they charged my wife and me with having been members of the Communist Party in Harlem, N. Y., sometime about the year 1935 and further stated that I was a high official. (Note: I had not yet met my wife in 1935.) The charge was also made that we were subsequently transferred to Washington, D. C.

## Denied the Charges

"They gave no indication whatsoever as to the source of the information except to say that they knew it from paid informers. I denied the allegation and told them I never had spent time in Harlem except to use the subway when I went to College because at that time I was living in the Bronx.

"Most of the evening was spent in reciting my daily comings and goings for the past eight months since they had followed me. They knew with whom I had lunch, who visited my home and whom I visited. They questioned me about the occasions when I handed material to anyone, which invariably turned out to be my thesis (for a Ph.D. degree).

"They questioned me about whom I met at W.P.B. I had lunch with him occasionally, visited him once with my family and we attended a concert with him and his wife once. He was one of the persons to whom the FBI saw me give a copy of my dissertation. I was also questioned about whom I got to know only from her correspondence when she was abroad on the mission because I took his place when he was in Japan. Upon her return she visited my house twice; we visited her twice.

"Questions were also asked about whom I knew at college and who was assigned to my division after he was discharged from the Army. I had lunch with him occasionally but never saw him socially.

## Helped a Friend

"They asked why I handed a letter to —. It was his own mail from the University of — concerning a position which he subsequently obtained. Since he had no permanent residence in Washington because he was contemplating leaving, he used my home as a mailing address and also stayed with us for a short time, late in the summer of 1946. I worked with him at — (a Government agency).

"I was asked about —. I don't know him at all, having met him only on two occasions, both business meetings attended by other members of the State Department.

"They asked me about a check which they saw me receive from — (whose wife had worked with my wife). I borrowed some money to make an advance payment for nursery school two days before payday. One week later I repaid him and have the cancelled check.

"They accused me of trying to evade them one day at the Social Security building because I went down and up from the second floor to the lunch room twice. I was looking for the two girls whom I had hired to type my thesis. I couldn't find them in their offices and was told they were in the lunchroom. I ran down there, couldn't find them, dashed up again and then down again, went back and then found them. I never suspected that I was being followed, then or any other time.

"They also photographed me with a girl from the office when she and I crossed the street for coffee. They piled this picture out and showed it to my wife.

"2. The day following the FBI visit, I reported it to my supervisors — and — offering to resign if this accusation should result in a lack of confidence in me.

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On my way to work that morning I rode with \_\_\_\_\_, told him about it. He said that based on his long experience as an administrator, I was a dead duck whether innocent or guilty because of the widespread hysteria in Washington at this time.

"\_\_\_\_\_ turned down my offer to resign and assured me of his complete confidence. He consulted with \_\_\_\_\_ over the phone who was out due to illness and who expressed similar confidence in me. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ saw \_\_\_\_\_ in place of \_\_\_\_\_ who was out. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ told them the department would conduct its own investigation, keep \_\_\_\_\_ informed and if there were any doubt I would have ample opportunity to resign.

"3. The State department security officers examined me for a total of 12 hours at intervals during May and June of 1947. \_\_\_\_\_ told me to cooperate fully and this I did. They questioned me on my opinions, friends, interests, jobs, associates, etc. I offered them 29 specimens of my published and unpublished writings from 1933 on. Nothing in these interviews appeared to incriminate me in any way.

Promoted, Then Fired

"4. During the period from April 15 to June 23, when my job was terminated, the office had so much confidence in me and my ability that steps were taken for my promotion. In the early part of June, I was given a private office, with a staff and secretary, and put in charge of \_\_\_\_\_

"5. On June 23, 1947, at 5:30 p. m., I was handed a letter by an administrative officer and signed by \_\_\_\_\_ to the effect that as of that moment my services were terminated 'in the interest of the United States.' Thus I was summarily fired without a hearing or knowledge of charges or accusers.

"6. When I returned the following morning to collect my personal belongings, the administrative officer told \_\_\_\_\_ to get me out of the office. To this day I have not gained access to my desk to clear out my personal goods.

"7. Reaction among my colleagues and superiors was one of bewilderment, consternation and resentment against the procedure. Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ went to \_\_\_\_\_ at various times to express confidence in me and to discover the basis for the action and to try to obtain a hearing for me. Nothing ever came of this. I have in my possession copies of letters sent by my colleagues to Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ expressing their confidence in me.

#### Asked a Hearing

"8. I sent a letter on June 30, 1947, to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ protesting the action and asking for a fair hearing. So far I have received no reply.

"9. Shortly after the dismissal, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of the personnel division of the department, telephoned me to appear within a day before a committee of three, including himself, to make a statement. When I asked him what the charges were on which to base the statement, he read me the department's press release. When I appeared before the panel the next day and again asked for the charges, again I heard the press release. They said they would neither ask nor answer questions. I was to say anything I pleased which I believed brought on the action. I spoke for about a half an hour, stating that I was innocent of anything which could reflect on my loyalty. I also requested an interview with Mr. Marshall.

"10. A news article appeared about the next day in The Washington Post in which Mr. Marshall stated that all 10 dismissed persons knew why they were dismissed and that none had appealed to him personally. He was in error on both these points. Editorials in The Washington Post on July 5 and 11 severely criticized the department for the arbitrary dismissal of the 10 persons.

"11. At present I am bending every effort to obtain a hearing. In all my efforts I get at most from responsible members of the department, pious, well-meaning statements about a possible hearing at some vague future time."

#### Went Before Robinson

The "hearing" to which the man involved referred in his point No. 9, was held on July 2, 1947, before a four-man panel. It was headed by Hamilton Robinson, director of the office of controls of the State Department. On it were three of his subordinates, Arch E. Dean, Saxon Bradford and Thomas E. Hoffman.

Mr. Robinson began by reading State Department press release of June 27, which said:

"The State Department has terminated the services of 10 employees against whom derogatory

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information has been developed through investigation. In taking this action, the department followed its policy of dropping employees from its rolls where substantial doubt exists as to their security. In a few of these cases, other administrative considerations entered into the decision to terminate the employees concerned."

Mr. Robinson went on to say that Mr. Blank, as he will be called hereafter, could say anything he wanted for the record since the law did not prohibit his employment by any other Government agency. He emphasized, however, that the proceedings were final as far as the department was concerned. Enough of the subsequent talk at the "hearing" is presented herewith to give the flavor of the proceedings.

#### Invited a Statement

Mr. Robinson: "And so we are delighted to listen to any statement that you care to make on that basis."

"Mr. Blank: As I told Mr. Jean when he phoned me yesterday, it is very difficult to make a statement as I am completely bewildered by what it's about. You gentlemen can appreciate that the press release doesn't say very much anyway in any one specific case. I did have the opportunity of being called by the department security people, I think for about 12 hours of detailed questioning at which I believe I supplied most of the information . . .

"I really, frankly don't know what to say, since I don't know what the charges are. The result of these hearings—I don't think anything came out that I would consider to be a charge. I mean, I can make a general statement as to what I think my own loyalty position is, I have no doubt in my own mind as to my own loyalty, I don't think I have ever been tempted in that direction or ever committed any act that would be considered disloyal to the Government. I have never jeopardized the security of the department or the Government.

#### Unquestioned for Five Years

"I came down here over five years ago to work for the Government to help the war effort. I found the kind of work that I was interested in; the encouragement I got from my superiors, in other jobs and my present one, indicated their willingness to see me continue and at no time did any question ever arise as to my loyalty.

"In the middle of the war, not

only did I handle production data, but I handled design data of not only the contemporary aircraft, but of future aircraft. I think I was cleared by G-2. I have never been questioned by anybody. I was cleared by FEA. Have always been cleared, so that I have no idea of anything concrete.

"So you do have this detailed knowledge of what I have done in the past. I don't know whether I brought the attention of the department or whether they had the information themselves, as to the fact that—I forget the date, about two months ago—the FBI visited me and I gave the department all the details, but there was nothing concrete brought out in any of that information. I thought I had satisfied every question they brought up."

Mr. Robinson: "Well, we realize the difficulty you are in: On the other hand, I'd suggest that you might think back over your own career and perhaps in your own mind delve into some of the factors that have gone into your career which you think might have been subject to question, and see what they are and see whether you'd like to explain or make any statement with regard to any of them—that is about the best I can do as far as helping you along that line."

#### Recalls No Incident

Mr. Blank: "Well, as you appreciate, I have been thinking about anything in my career in the past that could be subject to question and I, frankly, don't see anything. I think there is something going on in Washington which the FBI is interested in of which I have no idea. I have heard they have seen from 40 to 50 people. They are after something, they questioned me in detail about certain people I knew, people I had worked with, mainly, at FEA and WPB. What they are after I don't know. There is something that is bothering them and I am bewildered by what they are

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think might have been involved."

Mr. Blank: "It's very difficult. I mean, I once helped edit a pamphlet on 'What Price Milk?' which criticized milk companies for their large profits. My whole career has been in teaching and working. It is extremely difficult for me to make any statement. I wish you gentlemen could help me by asking questions. I realize you are tied down by a law."

Cites Rumor

Mr. Jean: "You mentioned that you were associated, through a car club, with some people."

Mr. Blank: "Well, I don't know. I am not associated, I don't know whether they came out of a car club. They asked me about certain people I worked with at FEA. There is a rumor going through Washington that they are after Treasury people and people who worked on the so-called 'Morgenthau Plan.' I am just in the dark about this, I wish somebody would tell me what it is about. I don't mean—I am just bewildered about this whole thing. Perhaps there are some people I have met and know whose reputations aren't exactly the best, according to certain people, but there is nothing in my actions toward them or toward anything else that would indicate any question of loyalty or anything that I can see. I mean, my very work in the department should be some indication of that."

"As I understand it, nobody whom I have worked with or worked for has been called in on this . . . I have worked on the program and they gave me the job of programming it. I was the one who prepared the first material on the stuff. They took my material. They know exactly what I have done since I have been in this department, and I am positive they are willing to testify as to that. They are as mystified as I am about it. My reaction has been completely in accord with what our Government has been doing. Not only that, but working day and night toward those ends. The FBI followed me and they admitted that they had to come Saturdays and Sundays and nights. They were a little disturbed about my working on these programs."

Mr. Jean: "You say you number

among your friends people who are frowned upon by others?"

Mr. Blank: "Well, I don't know whether they are frowned upon. The investigation brought out that I knew somebody whom I see occasionally, who works for Russian war relief. But I knew him because we lived in the same house. I knew many other people in the same house and I gave the names of other people whom I saw more often than I saw him. As I pointed out to these people, it is not a question of the few people certain

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after. Perhaps there is something going on. I feel if there is, I am outside the picture.

"By some accident or quirk, I have worked with some of these people whom I didn't even see socially. I happened to get into a car club with somebody the question came up about. I am at a loss to go into any detail. They accused me . . . of being a Communist, but as I pointed out to the security people, I have denied that point. There was no evidence raised. I admitted that when I went to , when I taught there, I attended all kinds of meetings that were held on the campus, but never joined any organization.

#### A Personal Disaster

"The security people made me swear by that fact under oath, that I was not a Communist nor was I affiliated to a long list of organizations which they asked me questions about. All I know is that this action taken is—well, the punishment doesn't fit the alleged crime. I mean, I don't know whether you gentlemen realize what you have done to me, not you personally, but what the department has done—completely blackballed me from earning a living in the future. I don't know where to turn."

Mr. Robinson: "I think you can be assured that the department was not unaware of those aspects of it."

Mr. Blank: "On what basis has the department done something like that, without even telling me? I am just bewildered about it. I am trying to be as frank as I possibly can."

Mr. Robinson: "The only way I can suggest helping you is that you just go ahead and spill your feelings about all the things you might

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people may have something about, but it is a question of all the people I know that should be taken into consideration. But, apparently, the interest is just for the few who are not thought of well and I don't know why these people aren't.

"Mrs. —, I think they questioned me a lot about her—I knew her because she was in the office and came to my house once or twice and I was in her house once or twice; it was a purely social thing. Why they questioned me about her, I don't know.

"They questioned me about giving things to certain people; in every case I pointed out it was on my thesis. I finished my doctor's thesis and went around visiting economists in Washington who could read it.

## Borrowed to Pay Debt

"Once they asked me why I got a check, for example, at lunch. My little boy went to nursery school and I had to pay a \$60 bill three days before payday, and I called a friend of mine and I borrowed \$100 and I paid him back a week later. It's things like that that just seem to me to be silly, that are important to other people. I'd like to know what all that means."

Mr. Jean: "Do these people you mention, to your knowledge, express an ideology that differs from American philosophy?"

Mr. Blank: "I frankly have never got that far with them."

Mr. Jean: "Have you seen Mrs. — recently?"

Mr. Blank: "Yes, her husband got fired and I called her up and she said they were leaving and I invited them for dinner before they left for New York. I told the security people I called her up because I had heard she had gone to the hospital when she heard her husband was fired. Why that happened, I don't know. I just think it is unfortunate that I have come in contact over the last year with certain people that I know nothing about.

## Gave Many Names

Mr. Robinson: "Now, you have said several times 'certain people,' but so far you have only mentioned one or two. . . ."

Mr. Blank: "The fact is, I gave the security people a terrific list of names. . . . you didn't miss seeing anybody. I'll try—"

Mr. Robinson: "No, if you have already given it. I just wanted to give you the chance to say that if you wanted to."

Mr. Blank: "The fact is I brought in a typewritten list, not only that, I brought in copies of . . . 19 specimens of what I wrote

each year, which I believed would be an indication of the way I thought over a period of years.

"I believe the security people analyzed those documents I brought in, beginning with 1933, did you not?"

Mr. Robinson: "Well, you can be sure everything you have submitted has been considered."

Mr. Blank: "So that is why I am comparatively bewildered about the whole situation. Did I leave anything out that you think I ought to bring up? We are trying to get the facts out in this, I presume. Do you think I ought to mention anything else? I assume you gentlemen are trying to get at the facts."

## Denies "Opportunity"

Mr. Robinson: "I don't think we can suggest to you things that you ought to discuss. I think it's up to you to decide. As I say, we are trying to help by making suggestions to you, in a general way, which may make your record more complete when it all comes together. But so far as saying you ought to talk about this or you ought to talk about that, I don't see how we can do that. This is your opportunity to say anything that you want."

Mr. Blank: "Gentlemen, it's my 'opportunity' to say anything, but really, to be frank—you gentlemen aren't responsible—it's really not an opportunity. I don't know what to talk about, I mean, I am—"

Mr. Robinson: "All right, I withdraw the statement it was an opportunity; if you prefer."

Mr. Blank: "I am not blaming you gentlemen. You are held within certain rules and regulations, but I'd like to know what to talk about and what to say. It's extremely difficult in such a situation. I don't know who said anything about me or what has been said about me and the press release makes it even worse, I mean, the kind of statement where nothing has been developed. I mean, I am not trying to get mad or anything. I appreciate the situation, but I am involved in a very disastrous way in this. You mentioned about having an opportunity to insert additional stuff—will I get an opportunity after this?"

## Told Not to Worry

Mr. Robinson: "Anything you want to put in. . . ."

Mr. Blank: "Well, I care to make it as complete as possible. The fact is I came the very next morning that the FBI visited me and went to my superiors and told them the complete story. Mr. — said I would have nothing

to worry about in this thing, that the charges in this consideration were not true, that the security

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could cooperate with the security people, and that if anything were to arise I would be called before them. The fact is, I even offered my resignation that very first day, for two reasons: One, I asked the advice of some people and they said with the present state of things in Washington, whether you are right or wrong, once this thing gets started you are out; and secondly, I was in the midst of some very delicate negotiations with gentlemen on the geographic desks, and I told them I didn't want this charge hanging over me to hurt the division in our relations with the geographic people, and they had my resignation and they told me no, they refused to accept it because they felt the charges were unwarranted and if there were anything that I would be given time to resign and you can verify that.

Mr. Robinson: "I think I might just say for the record here one thing which I believe is worth pointing out, and that is that it is fairly clearly indicated in the press release that this action was taken on the ground of a doubt as to security, and what I would like to say for the record is that we carefully bear in mind in all these cases that there is a very definite difference between the word 'security' and the word 'loyalty.' I just want that to be on the record."

Mr. Blank: "May I ask what the difference is? It's not clear to me."

Mr. Robinson: "There's a vast difference between security and loyalty."

Mr. Blank: "I think—may I ask that question?"

Mr. Robinson: "Yes."

Mr. Blank: "To clear up the difference between them, I mean to me, I think one—"

Mr. Robinson: "Well, I'll point out a difference. I think loyalty must necessarily be a conscious proposition. Security, or the lack of it, might be conscious or unconscious. And I think that probably serves the purpose of what I am trying to do, but I am making that statement for the record without any implication as to any conclusion that you should draw from that statement, but you made several statements about that and I just want to make clear that this action was based, as the press release states, as a matter of security."

#### Imperils His Future

Mr. Blank: "You mean that the punishment for an alleged violation of security is more severe than questions of loyalty? What I mean is, assume this whole thing is true about my security, isn't the punishment to deprive me literally of a livelihood in the future—rest penalties—"

mean, I have completely deprived me of the only things I can do, either working for the Government, going back to teaching, or working for private industry—what am I going to tell employers? You are not going to find me lying about it because they would catch up with me and I wouldn't lie about it either.

Could I explain this difference between security and loyalty to some kind of college where I am trying to get a teaching job?"

Mr. Robinson: "I am not suggesting that. I am not even suggesting the distinction is proper in your case, I am merely suggesting one is not necessarily synonymous with the other. I think if you feel that, I don't know whether you feel there is anything you wish to add to this as a statement."

Mr. Blank: "You say I have the opportunity in the future to add things."

Mr. Robinson: "Yes, you send it over and we'll slap it in the file..."

#### Asks to See Marshall

Mr. Blank: "I understand the secretary is a reasonable man. Is it possible for you gentlemen to make an appointment for me to see him?"

Mr. Robinson: "I'm afraid that isn't our function."

Mr. Blank: "Well, I am making a request anyway. I am not casting aspersions, of course, on anybody here, but I'd like to get in touch with the final authority on this matter."

Mr. Robinson: "Well, certainly, there is no reason in the world why you shouldn't, but I am afraid we are not in a position to be able to do anything about that. Just as a suggestion, you might want to get some of the people you say have confidence in you, and so forth—"

Mr. Blank: "Well, they are attempting to see certain people, I know that I am trying to do something on my own, of course. Are there any questions?"

Mr. Robinson: "Do you have anything further, Arch?"

Mr. Jean: "I have nothing further, no."

#### A Clear Conscience

Mr. Blank: "Well, I'd like to close by reiterating again what I have said before, that, in my own mind and in my own conscience, I have no question as to my own loyalty and my own responsibility to the security of this Government. I have a clear conscience completely, so I can only state my sincerity. This whole thing has me completely bewildered."

Mr. Robinson: "Well, I'll just

add that if, at any time, you want to add anything further to this, just get in touch with Tom Hoffman and send anything over to him you want to incorporate in the record, that will be all right."

Mr. Blank: "Well, I think they wrung me dry in twelve hours of questioning which I brought on myself."

Mr. Robinson: "O.K."

Mr. Blank: "Thank you."

#### Two Other Documents

There were two other documents. One was a formal affidavit from the accused man. In it he denied

all suggestions that he was a security risk or disloyal or for a hearing.

"I have never done anything to merit the destruction of my name and have always been completely devoted to my country to the State Department. In this affidavit."

The other document was from a State Department associate of the accused who had protested against dismissal. This letter said in

"Although I believe I was generally familiar with reasons for his dismissal, not possible to explain to him for reasons of security."

"You recognize, I am sure, the department is one of the most sensitive agencies of the Government from a security standpoint, and, consequently, when able doubt is raised as to the continued employment of an individual would constitute a security risk, it is the policy of the department to resolve in favor of the Government."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: November 4, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY;  
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated November 3, 1947, in which you queried "Why did we not furnish results of interview when we gave State everything else?"

For your information Mr. Hamilton Robinson of the State Department requested that he be furnished with the results of the interview and on April 30, 1947, a memorandum reflecting the results of the Nortman interview was prepared for transmittal to Mr. Robinson and the matter of furnishing it to the State Department was referred to the Executive Conference on May 8, 1947. The Conference was advised that there were several other subjects in the Gregory case who were also interviewed and that the results of all these interviews had been referred to the Attorney General. The Conference was further advised that some time previously complete write-ups were sent to the Attorney General with the suggestion that he consider furnishing those write-ups to the employing agency and that the Attorney General had held up the transmittal of this information pending the decision of the Department as to the further action in the case at that time.

The Conference unanimously recommended that this request from the State Department for the results of the Nortman interview be referred to the Attorney General and that the Attorney General's attention be called to the other subjects in the Gregory case who were interviewed and who were on the Government rolls and that he be asked as to whether such information could be furnished to the employing agency. The recommendations of the Conference were approved by you.

On May 10, 1947, the Attorney General was advised of the request of the State Department and was requested to advise as to whether this request should be complied with. No answer has been received from the Attorney General to this inquiry and no subsequent request has been made of the Bureau by the State Department.

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Attn: Mr. H. B. Fletcher

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY

In accordance with the telephonic conversation between Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office today, there is forwarded herewith an editorial appearing in the New York "Post" newspaper on November 4th, 1947, entitled "Question of Fairness" relative to the reaction of the press concerning the discharge of certain employees from the State Department.

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## Question of Fairness

One of this country's newspapers which has performed valor and valiant service to Civil Liberty is the Herald Tribune.

Now it has done another good job by reporting the exact workings of the Loyalty Act in the case of a State Department employee.

The FBI made a long investigation of this man. This was perfectly proper. He was questioned by Security Officers of the State Department. This was good practice. He was given the opportunity to submit material bearing upon his loyalty. This was sensible and just.

But he was never permitted to know the charge against him. He was not provided with a bill of particulars. He was not given expert representation. He was allowed only to appear before a departmental board to make a statement on the general accusation that he was not a good security risk. That, in our opinion, was no hearing at all.

The excuse was that he couldn't be told what accusation had been made against him because "national security" forbade such revelation.

We think that's so unlikely as to be nearly preposterous.

Back in March, when the President first issued his order, we approved its purpose. We pointed out that the Government of the United States has a perfect right to protect itself from sabotage. The procedure under the existing act, however, is something else.

In addition, we gave it as our conviction that dismissal of a government employee for totalitarianism is not, by itself, an invasion of Civil Liberties. An American citizen has a right to hold any belief; he has no inalienable right to be on the government payroll.

Unjust dismissal of a federal employee for whatever reason is not a violation of a civil right, although it may be, under certain circumstances, a violation of a statute, such as the Civil Service law.

Nor do we believe that dismissals under the present Executive Order would injure an innocent employee to the extent that some pretend it would. We doubt that he would be prevented from getting another job.

Yet Americans not only are devoted to the notion of Civil Liberty but also insist strongly upon fair play, even where a privilege, such as working for the Federal Government, is at stake.

Fair play is a thing that most American parents teach their children and which their children recognize easily as worth while. Any American child, upon being taken to task, will demand to know first, what he was supposed to have done and, second, a chance to tell his story.

What even a child wants, then, is a real hearing. This is an echo, of course, of notions of civil liberty which insist upon a hearing for any person accused of a legal offense or crime.

The same reflection of that notion is generally accepted by managers of private enterprise in the United States in their relations with their employees.

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decisions, in extraordinary cases, to keep the actual  
secret would be acceptable.

This, we think is true, although it is difficult to imagine accusations against an employee that, in themselves, could be more than cause embarrassment, something very dif-

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GREGORY, ESP R.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 30, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE  
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OTHERWISEDECLASSIFIED BY 3042 PWS/HOS  
ON 6/10/88  
Re: ABEL ROLF PLENN  
WIFE - DORIS TROUTMAN PLENN

Confidential Informant [redacted] has reported that ABEL PLENN and his wife and her daughter, EMILY, plan to move permanently to New York City on or about Friday October 31, 1947. Informant reports that the PLENNs are subletting an apartment at 647 Water Street, New York City 6, New York. They can remain in this apartment until May 1948, but it is their hope that they will reside there only for a month or two. The informant reports that the PLENNs have a lead on a permanent apartment "in the village on Jones Street".

The New York Office is quite familiar with the activities of PLENN and his wife and has received copies of the periodic reports which contain information concerning these individuals. Under these circumstances, it is not deemed necessary to summarize the information as it appears in the GREGORY Case concerning these subjects.

However, for the information of the New York Office, there is being set forth below an alphabetical list of some of the more interesting and important contacts of PLENN and his wife which were made during the time they resided at 1511 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is known that many of these contacts are well known to the New York Office and require little or no identifying data. Some of the less well known contacts are identified sufficiently to show their pro-Communist leanings.

It is of interest to note that all the persons included in this list fall in the category of being known Communists, fellow travelers or followers of the Communist Party line.

BACHRACK, MARION

Executive Secretary, Council for Pan-American Democracy.

BECKER, JACK

1519 Park Road, N. W.

(Former address - now believed in New York City)

Born August 19, 1908, New York City. Active in American Youth Congress. Formerly employed by OSS. Reported highly pro-Russian and pro-Communist. Wife - LILYAN or LILLIAN BECKER.

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~~X~~BERENSON, ANNA

1630 R Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Well known in Washington Communist circles. Was member American Peace Mobilization. Currently Washington Housing Representative, United Auto Workers, CIO.

~~X~~BONI, CHARLES

of BONI and GAER, publishers, New York City.

This firm handled publication of PLENN's book, "Wind in the Olive Trees". This company is, of course, known to the New York Office as extremely friendly to Communist and pro-Communist writers in the publishing of their works.

~~X~~BOSWELL, PAUL,

215 B Street, N. E.,  
Washington, D. C.

Was a former roommate of PLENN and CHARLES A. ~~X~~GAULD, pro-Communist and former Library of Congress employee. Was a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and the United Spanish Aid Committee. BOSWELL was formerly employed at the Library of Congress.

~~X~~BOTKIN, BEN A.

Member, ~~X~~United Spanish Aid Committee

~~X~~BOOK, Dr. MERCER (Negro)

127 W Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Professor, Howard University.

~~X~~CRAWFORD, RUTH,

1954 Columbia Road, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Was at one time a self-admitted Communist, but has since been reported to be no longer in the Party. Formerly employed in WPA. Was member of Washington Committee for Democratic Action and American Peace Mobilization.

~~X~~DAVIS, HAROLD B.

123 West Madison Street, Rm. 905,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Director of the Chicago ~~X~~Committee for Spanish Freedom. Is acquainted with GIL ~~X~~GREEN, Chairman, Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois.

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~~\*DEL VEO, ALVAREZ~~

Former Foreign Minister of Spanish Republic. Currently with Spanish Republic Government in exile.

~~\*DOLBIN, GREGORI, G.~~

Counselor, Soviet Embassy and member of delegation to Far Eastern Commission. DOLBIN is a suspected Soviet agent.

~~\*DRAPER, MURIEL~~

Known CP member; affiliated with such organizations as ~~American Council on Soviet Relations~~, ~~American Writers Congress~~, ~~United American Spanish Aid Committee~~, ~~Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee~~, ~~American Peace Mobilization~~.

~~\*DRIESEN, ELEANOR~~

Well known Communist, particularly in the Chicago area.

~~\*EGIOFF, MAX A.~~

1800 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Formerly associated with Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas (closed by Arkansas State authorities because of radical and Communistic activities). Recently Director of Information for PUERTO RICO, United States Department of Interior.

~~\*ELDRIDGE, Dr. DEWITT~~  
(Wife - HOPE ELDRIDGE)

Assistant Professor of French, George Washington University. Staunch supporter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and friend of Muriel Draper. HOPE ELDRIDGE employed by the Census Bureau.

~~\*EZEKIEL, MORDECAI~~

Member of United Spanish Aid Committee and friend of MARY JANE KEENEY, figure in the GREGORY Case.

~~\*FRAIN, J. GEORGE~~

Post Office Department employee. Member of American Federation of Government Employees and Vice Chairman of the East-West Association under whose auspices SHURA LEWIS spoke. FRAIN was also a leader in organizing the Washington Arts Committee, a reported Communist front group in the District of Columbia in which DORIS PLENN has been particularly interested.

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~~\*FULLER, HELEN MARJORIE~~  
812 17th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

FULLER has been extremely pro-Communist over a long period and has been affiliated with such organizations as the League of Women Shoppers, American Peace Mobilization and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. She is currently employed by the ~~"New Republic"~~.

~~\*GARANIN, FEDOR A.~~

Former Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy. It will be recalled that GARANIN was believed to be a Russian agent.

~~\*GAULD, CHARLES A.~~

Former employee at the Library of Congress and Federal Communications Commission and close personal friend of PLENN and PHILLIP O. ~~KEENEY~~. GAULD has been a member of such organizations as the ~~American League for Peace and Democracy~~, ~~National Negro Congress~~, Washington Committee for Democratic Action and ~~American Student Union~~. He was terminated by the Federal Communications Commission following a Hatch Act investigation. He is known to have made contributions to the Loyalist Spanish Relief, North American Committee to Aid Spain and the Spanish Refugee Committee.

~~\*GIRAL, JOSE~~

Premier of Spanish Republican government in exile

~~\*GRANADOS, JORGE GARCIA~~

Guatemalan Ambassador

~~\*HALE, WILLIAM HARLAN~~

Professional writer for ~~"Time"~~, ~~"Fortune"~~, ~~"Harper's"~~, ~~"New Republic"~~ and ~~"P. M."~~.

~~\*HAMMETT, DASHIELL~~

Professional writer and reported follower of the CP line. HAMMETT was listed as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

~~\*HOCKMAN, PAUL~~  
4850 42nd St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Active in the Washington Win the Peace Committee

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~~X~~HURLEY, GRANVILLE WARNER (Negro)  
Wife-~~X~~HURLEY, KATHERINE GRAVES  
1945 Vermont Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

~~X~~GRANVILLE HURLEY is an Assistant Professor at Howard University and an expired member of the Washington Book Shop. He was one of the members of the Howard University faculty who wrote President ROOSEVELT on April 18, 1942, calling for a "Second Front" immediately. Both he and his wife, KATHERINE, were on the membership list of the American Peace Mobilization. KATHERINE is active in Washington, D. C. in attempting to unionize public school teachers and is affiliated with the United Public Workers of America, CIO. KATHERINE has been particularly friendly with DORIS PLENN and DEWITT ~~X~~ELDRIDGE.

~~X~~JOHNSON, EDNA RUTH

A member of the staff of "The ~~X~~Churchman", an anti-Catholic, pro-Communist publication in New York City.

~~X~~JONES, ANNE,  
aka Mrs. EMIL H. JONES  
5029 North Bay Ridge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Known CP member in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Chairman of the Milwaukee Win the Peace Committee

~~X~~KEENEY, MARY JANE  
KEENEY, PHILLIP O.

Figures in the GREGORY Case.

~~X~~KELLEY, HELEN WALLACE  
2701 Cortland Place, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Member of the Washington Book Shop and contributor to "The Churchman". KELLEY is quite friendly with SHURA LEWIS, a subject of an Internal Security - R Case in this office.

~~X~~KELLEY, OGDEN A.  
310 East West Highway,  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

KELLEY is employed at the Library of Congress and is also a friend of such individuals as ANOUS and MARY JANE KEENEY, DAVID R. WAHL, Dr. FREDERICK A. BLOSSOM and JACK MARSALKA, all of whom are mentioned in the GREGORY Case. His wife, LUCY, was listed as a member of the National League of Women Shoppers.

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\*KIRCHWEY, FRED

Editor of "The Nation".

\*RYLOV, BORIS

Washington correspondent of the Tass News Agency and subject of an Internal Security - R investigation in this office.

\*McDONALD, ANGUS HENRY

4104 3rd Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Formerly employed by the Department of Agriculture and currently active as foreign editor for the "New Republic" in Washington, D. C. McDONALD was listed as a member of the Washington Book Shop and his name appeared on the indices of the United Spanish Aid Committee.

\*MURRAY, DON

3155 Adams Mill Road, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

National Legislative and Publicity Chairman of United Public Workers of America, CIO.

\*NIXON, RUSSELL

Extremely well known in Washington Communist circles and very active in the Union of Electrical Workers, CIO. NIXON spoke with PLENN in Chicago, Illinois, on October 6, 1946 on the occasion of the Chicago Committee on Spanish Freedom program.

\*NORTH, JOSEPH

Editor of "New Masses".

\*OLDER, ANDREW

\*OLDER and his sister, JULIA, are known Communists. ANDY OLDER, currently employed by columnist DREW PEARSON.

\*OREKHOV, FEDOR F.

Former First Secretary, Soviet Embassy.

\*PLUMB, MILTON

Believed identical with MILTON MAX PLUMB, Jr., employed at the Library of Congress. PLUMB's name has appeared on the membership lists of such organizations as the United Spanish Aid Committee, the American League for Peace and Democracy, the Washington Book Shop and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

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~~\*POWELL, MYRTLE~~

Formerly employed by the Federal Housing Authority and currently Secretary of the ~~Southern Conference for Human Welfare.~~

~~\*REUTHER, ALIX~~

Recent employee of the War Department and friend of MARY JANE KEENEY. REUTHER also was employed at the Department of State. At one time she is known to have subscribed to the ~~Daily Worker~~ and "New Masses" and to have been generally pro-Communist in thought and associations.

~~\*RICHARDSON, TOMMY (Negro)~~

848 21st Street, N. E.

Vice President of United Public Workers of America, CIO, and member of the Washington Book Shop.

~~\*RODMAN, BELLA~~

Wife of ~~SAM RODMAN~~ and a known Communist. 

~~\*SCHWARTZ, DANIEL HERBERT~~

115 D Street, S. E.

Former employee of the Library of Congress and currently the national representative (from the District of Columbia) to the United Professional Workers of America, CIO. SCHWARTZ and his wife, JOSEPHINE METCALF SCHWARTZ, are known Communists.

~~\*SPELMAN, BABS~~

A member of the ~~Washington Win the Peace Committee.~~

~~\*TOLEDANO, V. LOMBARDO~~

This individual is believed to be identical with one LOMBARDO TOLEDANO who visited Washington, D. C. in recent months to confer with leaders of the CIO. During his stay, he roomed at the Statler Hotel where he is known to have seen PLENN on at least one occasion. It is believed that this individual is the well known Mexican Communist labor leader, LOMBARDO TOLEDANO.

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~~X~~ UHL, ALEXANDER H.

Affiliated with "P. M." in Washington, D. C.

~~X~~ WAHL, DAVID R.

Well known figure in the GREGORY Case.

~~X~~ WOLF, MILTON

Affiliated with "P. M." in New York City.

The foregoing is being furnished to the New York Office as a matter of information and the next insert dealing with subject PLENN which is submitted in the GREGORY Case will bring the activities of PLENN and his wife in Washington, D. C. up to date. Thereafter any information of interest to the New York Office will be submitted as received from informants.

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Reference is made to the attached letter addressed to you from Secretary of the Treasury, John W. Weeks, dated September 7, 1937, which was referred to me for classification and comment. Further reference is made to a memorandum from you to the Bureau dated August 28, 1937, which contained information from the Secretary of the Treasury dated August 28 and 29, 1937. Further reference is also made to my memorandum to you dated September 4, 1937, in which you were advised that you had previously been furnished information on Treasury Department employees the name of which is the Gregory Case and further advising that Mr. William Cunningham, of the Treasury, had been supplied with information in the Gregory Case concerning the William Custer, a Treasury Department employee. For information is also invited to my memorandum to you dated September 4, 1937, which advised that when Mr. Higgins was furnished with a memorandum on Mr. Custer, he advised a representative of this Bureau that he was not interested in Custer but was more particularly interested in Donald Glasgow, a Treasury Department employee and, as you may recall, a subject in the Gregory Case.

It is noted that in the attached letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, it is alleged that a representative of the Bureau orally advised a representative of the Treasury Department on August 14, 1947, that Gutter was reported to have had social contacts with known Communists as late as 1944. It was indicated in the summary memorandum that was mailed to Mr. Higgins on September 3, 1947, that these "known Communists" were described by an admitted Soviet espionage agent as associates of this admitted Soviet espionage agent and members of the Communist Party also, according to this same source, they were involved in Soviet espionage in Washington from 1941 to 1944. These individuals referred to were David Glasser, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Henry Taylor, all subjects in the Gregory Case. Apparently the Treasury Department representative when he received the oral information from the liaison officer of this Bureau in August, 1947, misunderstood or misinterpreted the reference to Gutter's being in contact with "known Communists". The persons referred to orally were subjects Glasser, Silvermaster and Taylor in the Gregory Case. Confidential Informant Gregory has advised that Taylor and Glasser were known to him as members of the Communist Party. No other information is available in the Bureau's files to substantiate this allegation.

The Secretary of the Treasury criticized the reference in the memorandum made available to the Treasury Department on August 1, 1947, wherein it was stated that "On August 2, 1944, John W. Gunter, who was born February 2, 1923, at Aurora, Kansas, was listed as a passenger on the 'SS Aquatonic', arriving at New York City from Genoa, Scotland." The Secretary pointed out that John Redworth Gunter of the Treasury Department was born on February 14, 1914, in Sanford, North Carolina. This is the first information that we have received from the Treasury Department concerning Gunter's date and place of birth since this information was not in the Bureau's possession when the file check was requested. The information on Gunter and his birth date was set out as a matter of possible identification for the Treasury Department, it not being known whether the information noted pertained to the employee of the Treasury.

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The Attorney General

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The foregoing facts are being made available to you for your information and clarification.

You may desire to advise the Secretary of the Treasury to make future requests for same checks in writing in order that replies to these requests can be made in writing. This procedure, it is believed, will prevent the possibility of any misinterpretation of the true facts.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR  
 FROM : Clyde Tolson  
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 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Egan  
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 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Gandy

Mr. Richard Wilson of the Des Moines Register called to see me on November 12th. He states a story has come to his attention which is rather prevalent in Washington to the effect that a man whose name he thought was Whittaker, a former editor of Time Magazine and a former member of the Communist Party, has testified before the New York Grand Jury indicating that one Harold Ware some time ago went to Russia, subsequently returned and organized a Communist cell in the Agricultural Adjustment Association, that Lee Pressman, John Abt, Alger Hiss, Paul Appleby, a man named Cramer, and one Pitt, were all involved and that later this group actually transmitted secret information to Russia.

Mr. Wilson stated that he, of course, has always been interested in this particular branch of the Government and he wondered whether it might be possible to secure sufficient confirmation of the story to enable him to use it. I told Mr. Wilson that while the FBI could neither confirm nor deny the story, I could say to him that I thought it would be most unwise for him to print any information along this line until he was in a position personally to prove it. He appreciated this suggestion.

It is apparent from what Mr. Wilson said that the newspaper sources in Washington are pretty well acquainted with the developments in the Gregory case. Mr. Wilson mentioned the name of Harry White and other persons as having come to his attention as being involved in this case.

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Well handled. We must not  
 let our guard down. Other people  
 are "leaking" to the press & then  
 the press try to get confirmation  
 from FBI so as to protect their  
 selves. Let the press use the  
 original informant & not try to get  
 us to front.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: November 7, 1947

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT:

*Gregory Case*

At 2:15 p.m. today SAC Belmont, New York Office, advised that the Sunday Worker for November 9, 1947 carries a banner headline on the first page, "New Spy Hoax Tied to Fan War Hysteria." On page 3 there is a story by Joseph Starobin titled "Prepare Super Hoax to Dupe H. S. Public." Then there is a discussion of the Grand Jury proceedings now going on in New York, identified as relating to the Gregory case. Starobin indicates that the publicity arising with reference to these Grand Jury hearings is the result of a pressure move principally by the FBI to stir up the public.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

2:10 PM

DATE: October 16, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: GREGORY

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At the above time I telephonically communicated with Assistant SAC Belmont of the New York Office and furnished him with background information relative to the memorandum which was recently furnished to Mr. Nichols and which was allegedly prepared on the basis of information received from some source in Westminster, Maryland, in March, 1945.

I advised Mr. Belmont that the Bureau was desirous of having Whitaker Chambers interviewed today for the purpose of ascertaining from Chambers who it was that interviewed him when he was in Westminster, Maryland, in 1945.

I advised Mr. Belmont that from all indications it appeared quite possible that Whitaker Chambers was interviewed by Ray Murphy of the State Department and/or Ben Mandel of the House Committee on Un-American Affairs. I advised him, however, that we were not at all certain in this regard.

The New York Office will make arrangements to interview Chambers and the results of the interview will be telephonically furnished to the Bureau immediately following the interview.

You will recall that in an earlier memorandum I outlined the results of my interview with Father Cronin regarding the memorandum which was made available to Mr. Nichols by one of his newspaper contacts. Father Cronin indicated after an examination of the memorandum that it looked like the material contained therein was furnished by Whitaker Chambers and he further advised that he recalled having received a document some time ago from Ray Murphy in the State Department which was similar in substance to the memorandum furnished to Mr. Nichols. Today, in accordance with my request, Father Cronin sent me the attached letter inclosing a copy of the memorandum to which he had made reference in his interview with me, which memorandum he received from Ray Murphy at the State Department.

While it is not absolutely definite, it appears quite likely that Murphy himself or some other official of the State Department actually interviewed Chambers in Westminster, Maryland.

This matter should be completely clarified when we get the results of the contact which will be made by the New York Office with Whitaker Chambers. When advice is received from New York you will be immediately informed.

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October 14, 1947.

Mr. Patrick Coyne,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Pat:

I am enclosing a copy of the manuscript we discussed yesterday. It is a fairly accurate copy except that the original had several unintelligible words which we interpreted in the effort to make sense. I do not believe that these discrepancies are important, but if they do mean anything to you I can let you have my own copy.

I hope that this clears up whatever was puzzling you and helps you in your work.

Ben Mandel called me today asking me to warn Georgetown officials against a Yelverton Cowherd who is talking to one of their law groups this Friday. I refrained from doing this, however, because the record in Appendix 9 is too ambiguous. If you have more positive information, you might desire to pass along the word through Father Walsh.

With every good wish, I remain,

ENCLOSURE

Sincerely yours,

John F. Cronin  
Rev. John F. Cronin, S. C.  
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Memorandum of Conversation, Tuesday, March 20, 1945, Westminster, Md.

The person talking was the liaison man for the Communist Party of the United States with most of the persons listed below and he spoke from personal knowledge not hearsay. At the time he described the official line of the Communist Party was anti-Administration, pretty violent, and the antithesis of the Popular Front days of post-1935. It is true that this second phase blended in with the first period during which these persons continued cooperation.

It seems that in 1934 with the establishment of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the introduction of much reform legislation in Washington, the Communist Party decided its influence could be felt more strongly by enlisting the active support of underground workers not openly identified with the Party and never previously affiliated with the Party but whose background and training would make them possible prospects as affiliates under the guise of advancing reform legislation. The Hungarian, party name J. Peters was selected by the Central Committee to supervise the work from New York. His Washington representative and contact man was the informant and he personally met and discussed many times various problems with the persons listed below except those specifically named as coming under another person's jurisdiction. The persons listed below are said to have disclosed much confidential matter and to have arranged among themselves a program committing this government to a policy in keeping with the desires of the Communist Party.

The opportunity presented itself for the formation of an underground group with the appointment to a leading position in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1934 of one Harold Ware. Ware had worked for years in agricultural collectivization projects in Russia. He was a son of Ella Reeve Bloor, veteran American Communist, but one of her numerous marriages. On being assigned to this agency Ware found a group of very promising, ambitious young men with advanced social and political ideas. Among them were Lee Pressman, Alger Hiss, Henry Collins and Charles Kramer (Krivitzky). They all joined the Communist Party and became leaders of cells. No cell has ever ten members. This was the nucleus of the Communist underground organization in Washington, to shape legislation favorable to the program of the Communist Party. The top leaders of the underground were:

1. Harold Ware
  2. Lee Pressman
  3. Alger Hiss.
- In the order of their importance.

There were various underground headquarters in Washington at the time. Among these were a violin studio near Dupont Circle run by Helen Ware, another place was a school on the outskirts of Washington run by Alice Wendham.

The informant dealt with these people from 1934 to the end of 1937 when he broke with the Party and attempted to persuade various of these contacts to break also. He remembers several conversations with Alger Hiss in the early part of 1936 during which Hiss was adamant against the plan of breaking with the Party. He described Hiss as a person with a charming personality, absolutely

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sincere in his convictions and motivated by the idea that he was on the right track.

The informant traced the jobs of these men until the end of 1937 and in each job they worked together with each other and with the Party. Later adherents to the Party included Ronald Hiss, Henry Collins and a man named Post in the State Department.

In a special category were Neel Field and Lawrence Duggan of the State Department. Field was described as a member at large of the Party; Duggan was not. Neither was connected with the underground and in fact the underground had orders to refrain from contacting them. The special liaison of Field and Duggan was one Hetta Gumperts. She is now in the personnel department of the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation and is married to Pam Massing, a former member of the German Communist Party described by General Krivitsky in his book. Massing is a penologist for the State of Pennsylvania and they have a farm near Quakertown, Pennsylvania. He is also known as Karl Billinger. Hetta Gumperts is a Viennese Jewish girl. When Field went to the League of Nations in 1936 he left Duggan in her special care. Gumperts was a Communist International agent. It is understood that Field and Duggan disclosed any information she wanted to know.

Harry White of the Treasury was described as a member at large but rather timid. He put on as assistants in the Treasury Glaser a member of the underground group and an Adler or Odler another Party member. The two Coe brothers, also Party members, were also put on by White.

Nathan Kaplan head of the National Research Project was a party member as was the other head and his sister Rose Weinstein.

Lee Pressman was not only a Party member. He was directed by the Party to accept the offer of John L. Lewis in 1936 to become General Counsel of the C.I.O. Pressman is said to have run arms to Spain during the Civil War via Mexico and to have worked with General Mark Moren in the project. Moren was involved in the Rubens Robinson passport case in 1938.

Nathan Witt of the Labor Board was a Party member and also underground.

When Harold Ware was killed in an auto accident near Baltimore about 1937, John Abt succeeded him as leader of the underground in Washington. Abt not only succeeded him in the job, he married Ware's widow Jessica Smith. Abt today is associated as counsel of the CIO-PAC with Sidney Hillman and was a delegate to the recent Trade Union Conference in London.

Eleanor Nelson ran a low-grade but important Communist group in the government. More of a trade union group but its members had access to government files which would be made available to the Party. Hiss was a member of this group.

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FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 10-18-47

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
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On October 9, 1947, James Walter of the "Times Herald" turned over a memorandum to Mr. Nichols and made mention of some of the subjects in the Gregory Case, as well as the names of other persons who had been reported as members of the Communist Party Government Parallel in the 1930's. Walter said that the memorandum was written by a Catholic Priest as a result of a conversation that the Priest had in Westminster, Maryland, on March 20, 1945, with a source who reportedly at one time was a Communist mail drop in Westminster. Walter said that the Bureau was supposed to know about the Priest and the informant. He further said that his information was that the contents of the memorandum tied into the New York Federal Grand Jury investigation. Walter mentioned that Ben Mandel, of the Un-American Activities Committee, had knowledge of the contents of this memorandum, and knew the identity of the source.

On the night of October 9, 1947, Ed Nellor, of the "New York Sun" telephonically contacted Mr. Nichols and discussed the memorandum brought to Mr. Nichols by James Walter. Nellor said that he had received his information through Father Cronin of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He said that the memorandum handed to him by Father Cronin was written as a carbon on three sheets of Western Union paper, and were dated at Westminster, Maryland, on March 20, (year not mentioned). Nellor said that he recognized some of the names contained in the memorandum, but he could not figure out the Westminster angle, and he contacted Ben Mandel. Mandel said that the information came from an individual who would be killed if exposed. However, Mandel did not mention the informant's name.

Nellor said that he had been in contact with Ray Murphy of the State Department and talked to him about the recent arrest of J. Paters (Alexander Stevens). He said he asked Murphy the significance of Peekskill, New York, and Murphy told him that the messages referred to in the memorandum came from Moscow to Newfoundland and Peekskill to a point in Maryland. Murphy did not say Westminster, and Nellor concluded that Westminster was the mail drop for the Communists.

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Whittaker Chambers, a present employee of "Time" and "Life" magazines, has been interviewed by Bureau Agents on numerous occasions concerning his past activities in the Communist Party, particularly in the underground movement in Washington. He was first interviewed on May 13, 1942. At that time, he furnished information about his activities in the Communist Party underground in Washington and New York during the early 1930's. He said that he had acted in the capacity as a courier for J. Peters and collected information from persons working in Government agencies for delivery to Peters in New York. The names mentioned and the activities of those mentioned by Chambers are almost a duplicate of the information obtained in the memorandum turned over to Mr. Nichols by James Walter. It appeared, therefore, that Father Cronin was the Priest who had interviewed Whittaker Chambers at Westminster, Maryland, on March 20, 1945, since it is known that Whittaker Chambers has a home at Westminster, although he resides in New York City most of the time. A review of Chambers' file reflects that he was convalescing at his home at Westminster in April, 1945, and had been there for several months.

Father Cronin was interviewed on October 14, 1947, by Supervisors J. P. Coyne and F. L. Jones, and he denied that he had ever interviewed Whittaker Chambers. (He said that in early 1945, Raymond Murphy of the State Department handed him a copy of a memorandum similar to the one given to Mr. Nichols by James Walter on this same subject matter.) Murphy told Father Cronin that the information in his memorandum came from Whittaker Chambers and mentioned that Chambers had been interviewed at Westminster, Maryland. However, he did not say who had conducted the interview. Father Cronin later made a copy of this memorandum available and upon an examination and comparison of it with James Walter's memorandum, it is noted that they are similar in content. However, Walter's memorandum elaborates more and mentions a few more names. During the conversation with Father Cronin, he mentioned that Raymond Murphy and Ben Mandel are very close friends.

Whittaker Chambers was interviewed by the New York Office on October 16, 1947. Chambers indicated that he had discussed a number of the subjects and the general subject matter of the memorandum with several people. He named specifically Nelson Frank and Schlessinger of the "New York Times." He also specifically named Ray Murphy of the State Department. He advised that he had discussed this and other subject matters with Ray Murphy on a number of occasions. The last time he was in touch with Murphy was in the summer of 1947.

Concerning the Westminster angle, the New York Office has advised that Chambers still has a farm in Westminster, Maryland, and spends practically

every weekend there. It is possible, therefore, that Murphy had one of his interviews with Chambers at the Westminster farm, although Chambers did not indicate that this had happened.

It appears from the interview with Chambers, that Raymond Murphy is the source of the memorandum which Mr. Nello received from James Walter. While we can not be certain of this point, from all indications it appears that Murphy did interview Chambers at Westminster, Maryland, in 1945, and was either directly or indirectly responsible for the preparation of the document.

*Disputed with  
Gen Carter  
See memo Dir, 11/6/47  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 14, 1947

FROM : J. P. COYNE

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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*Gregory*

With reference to my memorandum to you dated October 13, 1947, attached hereto, Father Cronin was interviewed by Supervisor Floyd Jones and me this afternoon.

Father Cronin stated after reviewing the blind memorandum handed to Mr. Nichols by Jim Walter that he had never seen this memorandum before; that early in 1945 Raymond Murphy of the State Department gave Father Cronin a copy of an affidavit along the same lines which Father Cronin has in his files. He said that this affidavit is shorter than the blind memo. He agreed to furnish the Bureau with a copy of it by mail. Father Cronin said that Murphy is a very close friend of Ben Mandel. When Murphy gave it to him he did not say who interviewed Whittaker Chambers but Murphy said the interview was made at Westminster, Maryland.

## SUGGESTION:

It is suggested that upon receipt of Father Cronin's affidavit it be compared with the blind memorandum and if they are not identical the New York Office should interview Whittaker Chambers to clarify the situation. Chambers should be asked who interviewed him at Westminster in April, 1945. It is noted that Jim Walter said that the memorandum was written by a Catholic Priest. This fact was denied by Father Cronin. Father Cronin said he has never interviewed Chambers.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT:

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 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Beahm  
 Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the attached memoranda from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated October 9 and 10, 1947, concerning a blind memorandum which was made available to Mr. Nichols by Jim Walter of the Times-Herald. This blind memorandum dealt with numerous individuals who were active in the Communist Party Underground in Washington, D. C., during the 1930's. The names of these individuals have come up in the course of the Bureau's investigation in the Gregory Case and other Communist investigations.

Jim Walter said that the memorandum was written by a Catholic Priest as a result of a conversation that the Priest had in Westminster, Maryland, on March 20, 1945, and the source was allegedly a former Communist mail drop in Westminster.

As pointed out in Mr. Nichols' memorandum dated October 10, 1947, Ed Nellor, of the New York Sun, in referring to this same memorandum of Jim Walter, indicated that the Priest was Father Cronin of the International Catholic Welfare Conference.

It is recalled that Whittaker Chambers, a present employee of Time and Life magazines in New York City, was interviewed by the Bureau on May 13, 1942. He has been with Life magazine from the spring of 1939 to the present time. At that time he furnished information concerning his activities in the Communist Party and particularly the Communist Party Underground in Washington, D. C., from 1932 to 1937. He informed that he acted in the capacity of a courier for St. Peters (Alexander Stevens) and delivered information to Peters in New York City that he had collected from Communists working in Government offices in Washington. A review of the information furnished by Chambers at that time reflects that it is almost the duplicate of the information contained in the blind memorandum which was given to Mr. Nichols by Jim Walter of the Times-Herald. It, therefore, would appear that Father Cronin's source of information was Whittaker Chambers.

Concerning the date of the interview by Father Cronin, namely March 20, 1945, at Westminster, Maryland, it is of interest to note that the file on Whittaker Chambers reflects that Chambers was convalescing at his country home near Westminster, Maryland, in April, 1945. The New York Office was endeavoring to interview him and had made attempts to locate him from January until May, 1945. Therefore, it is possible that he could have been in Westminster, Maryland, on March 20, 1945, as set out above.

It is apparent from the above information that Father Cronin's source was Whittaker Chambers, and that in all probability Father Cronin interviewed him at Westminster, Maryland, during March, 1945, during his convalescence.

ACTION: None. The foregoing is for your information.

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TO : Mr. Tolson  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
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DATE: October 9, 1947

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 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
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 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Gandy

Jim Walter of the Times Herald dropped by the office this afternoon. He had a blind memorandum, which he permitted me to make copies of, which certainly is a big portion of the Gregory case. He said that this memorandum was written by a Catholic priest as a result of a conversation that he had in Westminster, Maryland on March 20, 1945, and is supposed to have come from a source that at one time was a Communist mail drop in Westminster. I asked him if he had any further information as to the identity either of the priest or the individual furnishing the information. He did not have but stated he would endeavor to get it. He, of course, wanted a comment on it. I gave him none but merely told him that the memorandum was very interesting.

Walter subsequently called back and stated that there were a couple of further paragraphs that could be added. The Luggan referred to in the memorandum is Lawrence Luggan of the Philippine section of the State Department. He said that Nate Field was a GPU agent who worked through the Unitarian Church. Donald Giss is a lobbyist for the American-Arab Oil Company. Dr. Harold Glasser is an assistant to Harry Dexter White on monetary research in the Treasury Department.

He told me that the FBI was supposed to know about the priest and the informant. He further told me that their information was that this tied into the New York Grand Jury. I made no comment to any of this.

cc: Mr. Ladd

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The thought occurs to me that if this is possible and the individual in Westminster will talk that this might very well be a connecting link in the Gregory case.

We should protect our informants.

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It began in 1934-5 when a man named Harold ~~Ware~~ returned from Russia bringing with him a good deal of money in a money belt. His sister had violin studio on the second floor of a Dupont Circle building on a street which branches off on the oblique. The violin studio was part of an underground headquarters - ~~Helen Ware's~~ studio. Another outlet was ~~Alice Rendham's~~ School.

Ware came back. The Party sent him to Washington to organize the underground. He was in some kind of farm organization work partly connected with the school. I don't believe he was with the Agriculture Adjustment Association. He gravitated toward farm members, was told to discover a promising group of men.

~~Lee Pressman~~ used to be on the War Labor Board, a taxi driver who educated himself. Was Donald ~~Hiss~~ in tripe A's at that time. Out of this group plus ~~Art~~ and Charles (~~Krivitzky~~) Cramer and Henry Collins, Commerce Department, they organized a group. All this group joined the Party. ~~CRAMER~~

Each became leader of another cell in turn. At least six cells, probably not larger than 10 to a cell. They were under separate orders to go as high in the Government as possible.

~~Alger Hiss~~ went out of Triple A and joined Senator Nye's Munitions Investigating Committee. Pressman went to Farm Security of New Deal agency. Young Hiss went somewhere. (Earlier Assistant Solicitor General of the U. S., did not remain very long, went into State Department as assistant to ~~Sayre~~, Wilson's son-in-law.

Donald Hiss in the meantime was in Immigration Division of Labor Department (later around 1936) probably making plenty of monkey business - a friend of Jimmy Roosevelt's at that time, went into the Philippine Division of State Department. Another Party member was a man named ~~Post~~ who had been in one of the WPA projects measuring size of skulls of infants. Later he got job as editorial writer on one of State Department bulletins. He lived in Alexandria, Va. Probably Richard Howell ~~Post~~.

Duggan was not connected with the underground, a close friend of Noel ~~Field's~~. Field was not connected with underground which had strict orders not to have anything to do with Field. Field and Duggan connected with girl, Hedda or Hetta ~~Lumperts~~ at present in the Personnel Division of Todd Ship Building Company. Her husband is another - Paul ~~Massing~~. He was a member of the German Communist Party. He is working as a penologist for the State of Pennsylvania.

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Gumperts was the link between Field and Duggan and when Field was sent to League of Nations in 1936 Field left Duggan in her care. Gumperts woman about in her 30's, Viennese girls, Jewish, probably here for Comintern, heard about her in early 30's and still hearing about her. From last source she was tied up with Gerhard Eisler. ~~Heller is Frachtenberg's father-in-law.~~

Gumperts have farm near Quakertown, Penn., which is a kind of social center for these things. Just before General Krivitzky was killed I was talking over these people with him. Krivitzky said they never broke - that he took sweiger pills (hush money). People told me they are all right but I don't believe they have broken with Communists - too much in same circle.

Duggan would probably tell what was in cables or at least would be asked to. It is told that Duggan is sterling character but he would cut your throat without hesitation. Deadliest member of species is the liberal ally. ~~G. A. Lovel~~ I had heard rumors. Small gadfly. Principle of parallel organization of the Communist Party nobody knowing anything about anyone else. Just a wind of whisper.

I left about '37. After I broke I tried to smash away from Party some particular ones. I went to house of Alger Hiss at considerable risk to my life. Could not budge him. This was in 1938. Did not budge many of them.

Went tominent money theorist Harry ~~White~~. Heard name of Max Lowenthal, do not know names within cells. His wife is White Russian of pro-Bolshevik type, probably Mensheviks. Her brother was prominent dentist in New York, is fanatical party member. Thought it was Wilson.

White is a great coward. Thought I scared White into breaking with Party. Hiss was not a coward.

Dr. ~~Glaser~~ who was one of ~~White's~~ assistants is Party member of the underground group. ~~Heller or Adler~~ also one of ~~White's~~ assistants. He used to have two brothers named Coe revolving around him. The other ~~Coe~~ teaches in McGill. Wanted to bring him into the Treasury Department, too.

Nathan Kaplan used to be head of National Research Project, came on with Silvermaster who is a Party member. The other head of an agency was a Communist. Also his sister Rose ~~Weinstein~~ - not sure of name.

Lee Pressman is an interesting figure, also in Triple A, was Party member and went into New Deal agency connected with farming; from there Lewis offered him post of General Counsel of the C.I.O. in 1936. Party told him to take it so he did. He was also connected with buying arms for Spanish Republic - impossible to prove -



together with fellow named ~~Mark~~ Woren. Lee had little brother he was putting through law school. Undoubtedly he has shown up in the Government since then.

Nat Witt was on War Labor Board, rather important in underground, in triple A also.

~~John~~ Abt when I first knew him was trying to get into Income Tax Division of Justice Department and having a hard time because ~~Harry~~ Lewis refused to sign what he had to sign, but was Party member.

About 1936 Hal Ware was killed in automobile accident and Abt took Ware's place as leader of the underground. Ware was another of Ella Reeve ~~Bloor~~'s children. Abt married Jessica ~~Smith~~, Ware's widow. Abt did eventually get into Income Tax Division of Justice Department, but did not stay very long; went to Maritime Commission.

Hiss belonged to some other group but this was the top group of one of the parallel divisions. The picture was that you had central group operating in agencies and in some of the old line departments. There was another group under Eleanor ~~Nelson~~ actually low grade but very important. Could do a lot of things. Primarily a trade union group, preparing structure for new state.

Do not look away from Nelson group; seemed to me one of key groups. A man named Hiss belonged there somewhere. He had a wife who was active in Aid for Republican Spain movement. Lost track of Abt and he came up in C.I.O. Heard from Nelson ~~Frank~~ that he was Sidney ~~Millman~~'s secretary. Charles Cramer was not very important (originally Charles Krivitzky). When I broke away they started to feed this stuff out and get into CIO. Triple A was a hotbed.

Hiss and Pressman were most important under Abt. Hiss is a fine character and very bright in spite of political views.

Both Hiss' and Holmes secretaries; both friends of Frankfurter's. Latter not a Comie but he is good for preparing circumstances; has done a lot for them, preparing more than they could pay back in a long time. Official head of that group was Abt. The treasurer was Henry ~~Collins~~. Gumpert's husband has another name - Karl ~~Billinger~~, author of Fatherland. Communist Party very strong in Immigration Section.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. H. Ladd

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: GREGORY

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Glavin	
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Miss Gandy	

At the above time, ASAC Belmont called from New York relative to my earlier call wherein I relayed the instructions that the New York Office interview Whitaker Chambers immediately for the purpose of ascertaining as to whether he could throw some light on the three page memorandum which was furnished to Mr. Nichols by one of his press contacts.

The New York Office interviewed Whitaker Chambers this afternoon and he indicated that he had discussed a number of the subjects and the general subject matter of the memorandum with several people. He named specifically Nelson Frank and Schlessinger of the New York Times. He then specifically named Ray Murphy of the State Department and he advised that he had discussed this and other subject matters with Ray Murphy on a number of occasions over the years. The last time Murphy was in touch with him was in the summer of 1947.

As regards the Westminster angle, the New York Office advised that Chambers still has a farm at Westminster and that he spends practically every week-end at that farm. It is possible that Murphy had one of his interviews with Chambers at the Westminster farm, although that was not indicated by Chambers in the interview.

It should be specifically noted that Chambers brought up Murphy's name and that on the other hand he did not mention the name of Ben Mandel.

It would appear from the foregoing that Ray Murphy is the source of the memorandum which Mr. Nichols received from his press contact. While we cannot be absolutely certain on this point, from all indications, Murphy did interview Chambers at Westminster, Maryland, in 1945 and he was either directly or indirectly responsible for the preparation of the document in question.

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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Director, FBI

DECLASSIFIED BY 3042/MS/AB RE: GREGORY  
ON 6/10/88 ESPIONAGE - R  
ABEL ROLF PLENN

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the technical surveillance on this subject was discontinued at 2:20 P.M. on October 31, 1947. *u*

The discontinuance was necessitated by subject's moving to New York City on October 31st. *u*

Very truly yours,

WHM:JC  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 6, 1947

FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON) (u)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDDATE 5-17-83 BY SP5 RSC/alt 3-57  
6/10/88 3042 PWS/MSOn October 7, 1947, the following letter was received  
from WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, who is a subject in instant case: (u)"1717 Riggs Place N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
October 6, 1947"Mr. Cornelison  
Washington Area Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of JusticeDear Mr. Corneilison:

"Since I last wrote to you there have been no meetings of Washington Chapter 1 of the American Veterans Committee where I heard individual members take clear positions on matters of policy. However, in connection with the Chapter 1 elections next week, I have discussed the slate of nominees with a few of my friends. According to them, the following men have rather consistently followed the Communist Party line in the A.V.C.: Julius Topol, Hubert Leckie, Don Wallance, Bob Schwartz. (u)

"(note: I am not sure that these names are spelled <sup>correctly</sup> ~~RECORDING~~ correctly)

"There are apparently several others in the organization who take a similar position, but as yet I do not know their names. As I learn them, and as they take specific positions on points of policy which illustrate their beliefs, I will write further. 3 G.L.R.-8

"Probably I should emphasize that I do not know Leckie, Wallance, and Schwartz even by sight. My statement that they have followed the Communist Party line is based on the judgement of men I trust, but I cannot prove it. In the case of ~~RECORDED~~ Topol, I have a judgement of my own, and I have described to you the basis for it. HANDLED BY STOP DESK 56402

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Letter to Director  
WFO #100-17493

November 6, 1947

"A few days ago I got a call from a woman reporter for Trans-Radio News following a press conference given by my supervisor at the President's Committee on Foreign Aid. She had attended the Conference, had called him for further information, and was referred to me. At the end of the conversation she asked me if I were the Mr. Remington whom she had met at Bernard Redmont's. She ultimately identified herself as the wife of Don Rothenberg. I was pretty chilly on the phone after that, but she said she and her husband would like to see me sometime. I have a strong disinclination to see them for a variety of reasons. However, you once asked me if any of Joe North's friends called me to be polite to them, and let you know. What should I do if the Rothenbergs call me?

*middle stream  
Rothenberg  
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"Her call from Trans-Radio News reminded me of another reporter from the same organization whom I met at Redmont's house the same evening I met Mrs. Rothenberg. He is very slender, medium height, with short blondish hair as nearly as I recollect. He strongly defended the USSR in the general conversation, and I got the vague impression he might be a Communist. I do not know whether it is coincidence or not that two persons of similar outlook work for the same organization. A few months ago I think I saw him walking on 17 St. near Pennsylvania Ave. but I never can be sure of identifying a person I've seen once before.

"As I told you in April, I do not believe that Joe North or his friends will ever again make any overtures to me. North knows my convictions, and never would have introduced me to his friends except at the height of the war-time alliance between the U. S. and the U.S.S.R. I have been debating the matter in my mind for months, and if you want me to, I would be willing deliberately to renew my acquaintance with North on the chance that he might introduce me to more of his friends. I could not pretend to become converted to a pro-Communist or pro-Russian point of view. I would not be successful at and would not be willing to play a role that required me to act or talk things I don't believe. But I would be willing to see North and try to get introduced to his friends to find out who they are for your purposes. It might be possible to arouse their interest by telling them things which you devised in advance.

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"If you wish to explore possibilities along these lines, please let me know. Probably there is nothing I can do to help. But I want to offer anything I can because I feel so strongly that the Communist Party is a menace, and because it occurs to me that my acquaintance with North could conceivably be useful to you.

*u*

Letter to Director  
WFO 100-17493

November 6, 1947

"As I told you on the telephone last week, I still live at 1717 Riggs Place N.W. My office is still at the Council of Economic Advisers in the Old State Building, but the room location has been shifted from #63 to #355. I also spend part of my time in 5327 Commerce Building.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ WILLIAM W. REMINGTON

"P.S. In checking through my address file for your address to confirm it before typing the envelope, I ran across the enclosed card giving the current address of Raphael Scobey, a former OPA employee. I did not know him there except as a man in the personnel department who referred applicants to the office I was in. But I found out later he is a friend of Redmont's. I met him at an A.V.C. party here in Washington last summer. We talked, and he left me his address which I am passing on to you because he talked most vigorously against the Truman doctrine and Marshall Plan. That, plus his friendship with Redmont, and the fact that he told me he is currently in the export business specializing apparently in selling to Russia, makes me think you may wish to check up on him.

/s/ W. R."

"R. G. Scobey  
150 W. 57 St.  
N.Y.C.  
CO 5-0573"

REMINGTON has written to this Office previously, indicating his willingness to act more or less as an informant for the FBI. REMINGTON was contacted by telephone by Special Agent WILLIAM R. CORNELISON and advised that under no circumstances could the Bureau authorize him to act in any capacity for the FBI. However, it was suggested that in the event that he obtained any information which he wished to turn over to the FBI, the Washington Field Office would be very glad to receive this data.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau and the New York Division for any action they deem appropriate.

CC New York  
100-17493  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 18, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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CHARLES KRAMER

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This is to advise that through information received from

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[REDACTED] physical surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of the restaurant, and a few minutes before 4:00 P.M., CHARLES KRAMER was observed to enter the restaurant and seat himself in a booth with an unknown man. KRAMER and the unknown man conversed continuously from 4:00 until 5:55 P.M., while having drinks. At this point they both came out of the restaurant and KRAMER proceeded west on E Street and the unidentified man remained in front of the restaurant.

It was later determined during the course of the surveillance and from information available in the Washington Field Office that the unidentified individual is Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, National Legislative Director of the Communist Party, USA.

At 6:00 P.M. LINDA WILSON, an official of the Progressive Citizens of America in Washington, D. C., was observed to walk up to a show window next to the restaurant and BLUMBERG, after glancing in all directions, casually walked up to WILSON and they both proceeded west on E Street, and it was not until approximately one-half block had been covered when they spoke. They then walked around the block to the Casablanca Restaurant located on 11th Street just north of Pennsylvania Avenue, where they entered and remained for almost an hour. During this time they were engaged in continuous conversation while having drinks. They then left the restaurant and walked to 10th and F Streets, N. W., where after a few minutes conversation, they shook hands and parted company. BLUMBERG walked east on F Street just beyond the Metropolitan Theater and stopped in a doorway. At 7:00 P.M.

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Director, FBI  
RE: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
CHARLES KRAMER

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a 1940 brown Studebaker Sedan pulled up in front of the theater and BLUMBERG stepped out from the curb and entered the car. Simultaneously, LUKE WILSON who had in the meantime walked around the block, stepped in the car behind BLUMBERG. The car pulled away and at the next intersection, which is 9th and F Streets, N. W., an unknown couple also got in the automobile. They drove east on Pennsylvania Avenue to the vicinity of Fairfax Village, and after numerous attempts to shake any surveillance that might be in progress, drove back to the Willard Hotel where BLUMBERG and the unknown man who had gotten in with the woman, left the car in front of the Willard Hotel. They stood in front of the hotel and talked for approximately five minutes, then proceeded to walk around the hotel to the F Street entrance where they went behind the large concrete columns which are in the doorway of the hotel, and began to determine if there was any surveillance in progress.

At 8:15 P.M. the unknown man proceeded west on F Street and a couple of minutes later BLUMBERG stepped across 14th Street, got into a taxi and proceeded to Union Station, where it is believed he boarded the 8:30 P.M. Baltimore and Ohio train for his home in Baltimore. It is interesting to note that the 1940 Studebaker Sedan above mentioned bearing 1946 D.C. license plates 87-005, is issued to MADELINE DONNER, the wife of FRANK DONNER, who is employed with LEE PRESSMAN, General Counsel for the CIO. From a description of the driver of the car it was definitely determined that the driver was FRANK DONNER during the time the surveillance was in progress.

It is requested that the Baltimore Office advise the Washington Field Office of any information in their possession to definitely establish the purpose of BLUMBERG'S visit to Washington on this occasion, and any other pertinent information.

Copies of this letter have been designated for the New York Division for their information in connection with the Communist Party, USA.

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GREGORY, ESP R.

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TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON NOVEMBER FIRST OR SECOND. ASCERTAIN IF JOSEPH  
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AS POSSIBLE AS HE PLANS TO SUBPOENA HIM FOR APPEARANCE NOV TWENTY  
FIFTH NEXT IF HE RETURNS TO US.

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Insp. GURNEA

It is noted that in the report of Special Agent W. DONALD ALDRICH made at Los Angeles, August 4, 1947, entitled as above, a lead is set out for the Philadelphia Office to ascertain the background of one BELLA JOSEPH. There is nothing in the file to reflect that this lead has been covered. In view of the nature of this case, this matter should be given immediate attention.

SAC Boardman:  
(Supervisor E. S. Harsenstein)

The lead regarding the background of BELLA JOSEPH at Allentown, Pennsylvania, was assigned promptly to the Resident Agent there. He commenced investigation at once and has determined the identities of the members of the JOSEPH family residing in Allentown. He has not, however, as yet been able to establish the connection of BELLA JOSEPH with the JOSEPH family of Allentown, nor has he as yet been able to determine that there is such a person as JOSEPH JOSEPH to whom BELLA JOSEPH's call was directed. He has developed an informant who is acquainted with the family, through whom it is hoped to learn the connections of BELLA and JOSEPH JOSEPH with the Allentown family. The case has again been discussed with the Agent, who will follow it up expeditiously to complete the investigation.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

November 7, 1947

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS - CIO  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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This is to advise you of information received by this office from confidential informant [redacted] on November 6, 1947, regarding the dismissal of 10 employees from the State Department for loyalty reasons. The informant learned that MILTON FREEMAN in the office of ARNOLD FORSTER and PORTER, advised AL HENNSTEIN, Director of Negotiations of the UPWA, that THURMAN ARNOLD was considering going on a radio program Sunday in regard to these dismissals. FREEMAN indicated that ED HART (Radio Station WINK) had invited ARNOLD to appear on a radio program and that it would be Sunday at 12:15 P.M. U. b2  
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FREEMAN indicated that they believed it would be a good idea to have one of the dismissed employees appear anonymously on the program and that they were considering WOODROW WILSON BORAH for the program. HENNSTEIN agreed with this and said that (BERNARD) BORTMAN "has been getting all the play as Mr. X and it will be good to change the taste a little and use BORAH". FREEMAN indicated that he had spoken to BORAH in this regard and that BORAH appeared favorable to being on the program.

This is being submitted for your information and any additional information in this regard will be forwarded to you promptly.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
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Charlie Lucey, feature writer for Scripps-Howard, whom we know quite well, came in on Tuesday afternoon. He had a memorandum prepared by his New York office referring to the New York Grand Jury.

The substance of the memorandum was that the case was loaded with political implications, that there were so many FBI Agents who had worked on the case that the AG feared unless something was done that they might leave the service and take the case to Congress, that after the first week's testimony the Grand Jury was so angry that they wanted to indict immediately without proceeding further on the matter. The memorandum further pointed out that while the evidence is good the prosecuting officials could of course influence the matter by the way in which they presented the law applicable, that the Grand Jury does not deal with the atomic bomb but deals with production figures and Russian espionage with some 25 State Department employees or former employees involved. Lucey wanted to know what to do for guidance.

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I told him that as a practical proposition we had declined to talk about the case, either on or off the record, from its inception, that we had not talked about the case and that all we could tell him would be that the Grand Jury of course was not within the control of the Bureau, that what a Grand Jury will or will not do is a matter that is unpredictable, that it would be very well for him to be most cautious, that we frankly thought that it was unfortunate for the publicity to be given the Grand Jury which has been given it and the speculation given it which it has received.

Charlie of course wanted to know what the prognosis was. I told him that of course we could not tell that this espionage case in many respects was like a treason case. In treason cases it is necessary to have two witnesses to an overt act. I told him that people just don't commit treason in the presence of others, that in espionage cases it is necessary to have witnesses and it was also necessary under certain circumstances to establish the agency relationship, that as he well knew the Russians were very cagey and there might conceivably be some problems of proof involved, for which reason he should be very cautious.

With reference to Mr. Childs' call and which call I informed the Director about, I have not called him back as yet. I think that we should do this without letting it drag too much longer. It would be my impression that probably it would be more advantageous to see Childs than it would be not to see him, that in seeing him the Director could merely say that the Grand Jury was under the Department

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

and what the Grand Jury might or might not do was unpredictable, owing to the technical matters of proof, and then lament the unfortunate fact of the story breaking out in the press, that a Grand Jury is designed to screen the evidence and determine whether or not a person should be publicly accused, and then launch into the federal employee loyalty program.

LBN:hmc

V. m.  
John.

Nick may tell him I  
will of course be glad  
to see him but I will  
not be able to discuss  
the Grand Jury proceedings  
for obvious reasons.

He is now out of  
town & I hope  
word with Secy  
that the Govt  
see him

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Mr. Marquis Childs  
The Washington Post  
1337 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 5-17-83 BY SP5RSC/pit  
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Dear Mr. Childs:

I regretted that I was out of town when you communicated with Mr. Nichols regarding your desire to see me on the Grand Jury proceedings presently being held in New York City. Unfortunately, I was detained in returning, for which reason it was not possible for Mr. Nichols to communicate with you until yesterday.

As you know, the FBI does not initiate Grand Jury proceedings, and I have always been most reluctant to discuss the Grand Jury proceedings since I felt that this was a matter being handled by the prosecuting officials in the Department of Justice. In connection with the current proceedings in New York, as you can well appreciate, we have been besieged with inquiries from the very inception of the Grand Jury, and I have insisted that no one in the Bureau express any opinion one way or the other or comment on the proceedings. It would, frankly, be most embarrassing for me to discuss this matter, even off the record and for background purposes, for reasons which I am sure you would understand; however, I would be most happy to see you at any time you desire.

While I understand you will be out of town for some time, I did want you to know of my position.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 11, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE  
WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON  
ESPIONAGE - R

This is to advise that the technical surveillance was discontinued on the above named subject, residing at 11 Tauxemont Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone TR-5668. (u)

The effective date of the discontinuance was November 8, 1947. (u)

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TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: November 19, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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Re: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON

The following are pertinent excerpts from a letter received by Special Agent WILLIAM R. CORNELISON, Washington Field Office from WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON: (u)

"Reading newspaper stories about communists in Hollywood reminded me of a remark made by JOHN SCLOS, as I believe you call him, when I was introduced to him in New York City by JOSEPH NORTH. In the course of just making conversation, he made a remark about some movie that was coming to New York. I've forgotten what movie, and what he said about it. But I do remember asking him either why he felt the way he did, or how he knew about it, if he hadn't seen it yet. He said that a good friend of his had told him all about it. In the course of the very brief conversation he got rather huffy and annoyed in defending his position and dragged in his friend's name. When I looked blank, because the name meant nothing to me, he added, 'He's the son of the famous writer.' Looking back on it, I can't remember clearly enough to swear this is true, but I think the name was LARDNER. (u)

"In our last telephone conversation you mentioned that when I write you or call you about something that I think may interest you, I am doing it on my own. I cannot imagine any other basis it could be on. When I see or hear things that I believe may indicate a communistic frame of mind in anyone, I think you and your organization should know about it so that you can determine whether or not investigation is warranted. I am just as eager as you are to help rid this country of communists and their sympathizers (and I think my feelings on this matter may well be even more intense than yours, largely because of my experience with my wife which has been six hellish years ending up with loss of everything I have loved and believed in). This is the only basis on which I have volunteered information to you. It is a pretty strong basis." (u)

The above information is being furnished for whatever action you deem advisable. (u)

cc-New York

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
 SUBJECT: GREGORY

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With reference to the Mark Childs' column which appears in today's Washington Post and is referred to in the attached memorandum regarding the Gregory case, it will be recalled that Childs called me approximately ten days ago requesting to see the Director about the New York Grand Jury. I explained to him then that the Director had not commented on the New York Grand Jury, that the matter of instituting Grand Jury proceedings was not the responsibility of the Bureau, that it was highly doubtful if the Director would be able to discuss this although I knew the Director would be glad to see him. I told him that the Director was presently out of town and I would check with him later. He then stated that if the Director did not talk to him that he would then have to see Tom Clark but that was never so satisfactory, but that he felt very much upset over some of the stories coming out and he felt he would be compelled to do something on this.

When I called him back this week upon the Director's return his secretary advised that he was out of town for a month or so. In view of his comments, coupled with the rather accurate statements in the column, it would appear that Childs did see the AG.

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*& length of investigation &*  
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*thru some close inside source*  
*to real facts 65-56402-2960*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN

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In your absence, Supervisor Touhy of the New York Office called at 3:10 p.m. and stated that in the "New York Post" for this evening (November 20, 1947), Marquis W. Childs in his column "State of the Nation," talks about the Gregory Case and, according to Touhy, comes closest to naming the informant in this case to anything yet seen in print.

Childs discusses the Grand Jury hearing of this case and states that while no indictment will be returned, it is expected that a Grand Jury presentment will be made against some of the subjects. A portion of the article is quoted as follows:

"Seven months ago in New York, a Federal Grand Jury investigation was begun into a purported Communist spy ring in Washington. This long drawn out investigation with the leaks, rumors and speculation accompanying it, has contributed immeasurably to the current atmosphere of suspicion and distrust.

"The Grand Jury will shortly make public a report. According to the latest information, no individuals will be indicted. The Jury will, however, report at length on what led up to the inquiry and what was disclosed by it. If that happens, it will help clear the air.

"The investigation originated 2½ years ago when a woman informant approached the FBI with sensational reports of a spy ring in which she said she had played a part. She gave the FBI the names of a dozen or more persons in government who, she said, had furnished documents that were passed on to Soviet Agents.

"She herself, according to her story, had delivered documents and, later in the war years, micro-filmed copies of documents to Russian agents in New York.

"What is hard to understand is why it required 2½ years to complete the inquiry when, in the light of all the information now available, it appears there was actually no conspiracy to transmit documents.

"The government employees listed by the woman informant as participating in the ring were for the most part Leftists. They may have been members of the Communist Party."

Childs then goes on to draw a parallel between the Gregory and the Corby Espionage cases. Since this column is syndicated and appears locally in the Washington Post, Mr. Touhy was advised that there

ILL: MJJ would be no need to forward this article to Headquarters.

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# Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

## Spy Investigation

SEVEN MONTHS ago, in New York, a Federal grand jury investigation was begun into a purported Communist spy ring in Washington. This long-drawn-out investigation—with the leaks, rumors and speculation accompanying it—has contributed immeasurably to the current atmosphere of suspicion and distrust.

The grand jury will shortly make public a report. According to the latest information, no individuals will be indicted. The jury will, however, report at length on what led up to the inquiry and what was disclosed by it. If that happens, it will be a healthy thing. It will help to clear the air.

The investigation originated 2½ years ago when a woman informant approached the FBI with sensational reports of a spy ring in which she said she had played a part. She gave the FBI the names of a dozen or more persons in Government who, she said, had furnished documents that were passed on to Soviet agents.

She herself, according to the story, had delivered documents and, later in the war years, micro-filmed copies of documents to Russian agents in New York. She described a basement room in a Washington residence in which she said the documents were micro-filmed.

THE INFORMANT was a woman of education whose circumstantial story called for the most careful investigation. The FBI, in the line of duty, made that investigation. On the basis of information submitted to him, Attorney General Tom Clark decided to present the case to a Federal grand jury.

If he had not done so, he would have been open to the charge that he had suppressed the information.

It is not hard to see the political turn that this charge would have taken on the eve of 1948. What is hard to understand is why it required 2½ years to complete the inquiry, when in the light of all information now available, it appears there was actually no conspiracy to transmit documents.

The Government employees listed by the woman informant as participating in the ring were for the most part left-wingers. They may have been card-holding members of the Communist Party.

Here is a disturbing phenomenon. No matter what the grand jury reports, some people will be convinced that, where there was that much smoke, there was bound to be some fire.

The parallel with the Canadian spy ring immediately comes to mind. Many of the individuals implicated in Canada were, in effect, the dupes of two or three clever and calculating agents acting on direct orders from Moscow. They were a pathetic species, suffering from personal frustration, a fanatical and perverted idealism and, in some instances at least, a childish love of power and intrigue.

THEY WERE, in short, one of the by-products of a far-from-perfect democracy. We have in the United States the same kind of misfits, tragically misguided idealists and just plain intriguers. They are pushovers for the brutalized religion of Marxist communism.

It seems to resolve all their doubts. At the same time it gives them a chance to feel wanted and important. This is the theme that runs through many of the personal narratives told before the royal commission that investigated the Canadian espionage ring.

With minor exceptions, what they obtained through their spying in Canada was the kind of document that could have been obtained by writing to a government bureau. The same thing seems to have been true of the alleged ring in Washington. One document mentioned in printed rumors is a report on the financial condition of China—which could hardly have been very secret, since the financial condition of China

has been glaringly apparent for a long time.

The real tragedy is that such behavior sows doubt and dissension. It sets brother against brother. That is the menace of communism in this country, and in my opinion it is the only menace.

We can very readily guard against that menace. We can refuse to be stampeded by fear and hysteria into burning down the house to mend a small crack in the plaster.

By proceeding calmly and above all legally, refusing to resort to star-chamber proceedings, we can remove those who might by some remote contingency endanger American security. We should never allow ourselves to forget that the great mass of Americans, of whatever origin, creed, race or color, are loyal to America and to the concept of a free people for which this Nation stands.

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The Attorney General

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I want to call your attention to an article which appeared in "The Washington Post" on November 21, 1947, in the column entitled "Washington Calling," by Marquis Childs. This column concerned a "Spy Investigation" and referred to the matter being presented to a Federal Grand Jury in New York City, undoubtedly referring to the Gregory Case.

In his column Childs mentioned that the investigation originated two and one-half years ago when a woman informant approached the FBI with sensational reports of a spy ring in which she said she had played a part; that she gave the FBI names of a dozen or more persons in the Government who had furnished documents that were passed on to Soviet agents; that she herself had delivered documents, and, later in the war years, delivered microfilmed copies of documents, to Russian agents in New York; and that she described a basement room in a Washington residence in which she said the documents were microfilmed.

The article stated that the informant was a woman of education whose circumstantial story called for the most careful investigation; that the FBI, in its line of duty, made the investigation, and that you, on the basis of information submitted to the Department, decided to present the case to a Federal Grand Jury.

This is the most accurate and revealing article that has appeared in the press concerning the matter currently being presented to the New York Federal Grand Jury. It is the first time that the identity of the informant has been so nearly disclosed, especially the fact that the informant is a woman. The Bureau has taken every effort to protect the sex of the informant and has, in every instance, referred to Gregory in the masculine sense. This is also the first time that an article has revealed the use of microfilm and the length of the investigation conducted by the Bureau and the fact that the photographing was done in a basement room in a Washington residence.

It is apparent that Childs has gained access to the real facts in this case through some close inside source in possession of all of the facts.

For your information, there is attached hereto a copy of the column by Marquis Childs.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

DATE: 10-10-47

SUBJECT:

From an over-all analysis of the attached memorandum of Mr. Nichols, it appears probable that this information was compiled by Father Cronin as a result of an interview with Whitaker Chambers. We are making discreet inquiries at Westminster and otherwise checking in an effort to identify the source of the information. It would appear inadvisable to contact Ben Mandel, since we are not personally acquainted with him, until we have exhausted other possibilities.

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Dr. WEINSTEIN maintaining usual contacts. Made West Coast trip to promote a play written by his brother, MORRIS. Background on contacts of other subjects set out.

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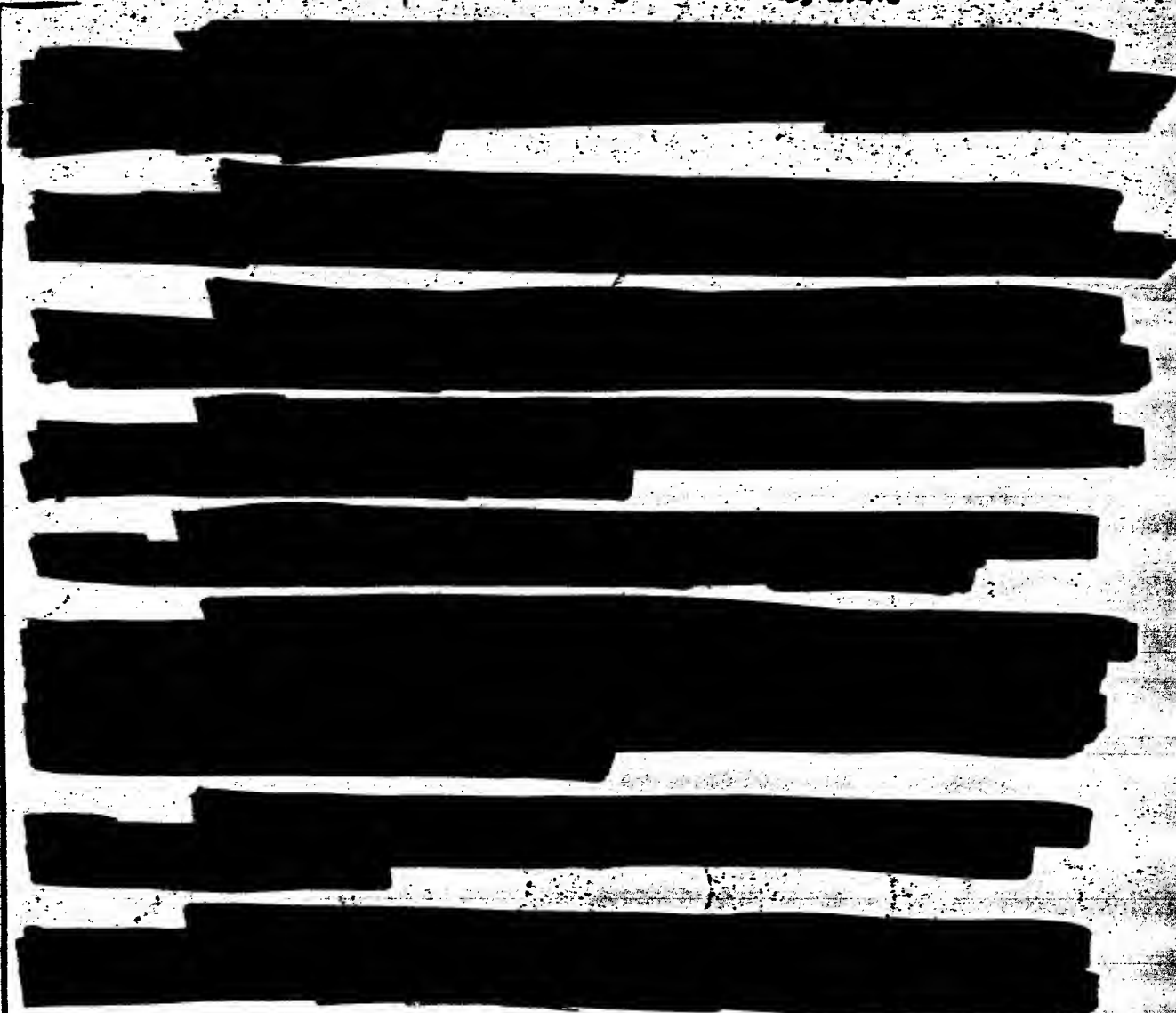
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The following investigation is being reported by SA Joseph M. Kelly and is an account of the activities of the Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York to which the facts in instant matter are being presented by Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Thomas J. Deegan.

This report includes the witnesses who have appeared before the Grand Jury from September 3, 1947 through October 23, 1947.



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Re: LAUCHLIN CURRIE *Heru*

LUTHER GULICK was interviewed at his office, 684 Park Avenue, New York City, on October 13th and on October 17th, 1947, by SAs JAMES R. SHINNERS and LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE.

GULICK stated he is the Director of the Institute of Public Administration, New York City, and he resides at 14 Sussex Avenue, Bronxville, New York. In 1941, he went to Washington, D.C. and during 1941, until December, 1942, he was associated with the National Resources Planning Board, the Department of Treasury, as Special Advisor, the Department of Commerce on the Census Advisory Commission, the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, the War Department as a Special Consultant, and the War Production Board.

GULICK said he was employed by the Department of State in December, 1942, and in November, 1943, he was employed by UNRRA and shortly thereafter by the Smaller War Plants Corporation. He stated that for some time he was working simultaneously for UNRRA and the Smaller War Plants Corporation.

During May, 1945, he was placed on the White House Staff to work on the Reparations Commission and on May 20, 1945, he went to Europe as a member of this commission. He stated that he attended various conferences and social affairs as a member of the Reparations Commission in Moscow, Russia, from June 11, 1945, to the middle of July, 1945. He then attended the Potsdam Conference and visited several countries in Europe, and he further stated he attended the Yalta Conference.

Upon his return to the United States he was sent to various countries in Asia as a member of the White House Staff, and in January, 1946, he returned to New York City to again become associated with the Institute of Public Administration.

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He was questioned as to his knowledge of various subjects in this case and he denied knowing NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, LUDWIG ULLMAN, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and DUNCAN LEE. Complete descriptions of the unknown subjects, BILL, CATHERINE and WACK, were shown to GULICK but he was unable to identify these subjects.

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[MICHAEL ENDELMAN, WAS *Heu*]

Inquiry by SA John J. Danahy on October 20, 1947 at the above captioned subject's residence, 49 West 83rd Street, New York, New York, revealed that the subject still resides at the above address and is still employed at the United Nations, Lake Success, New York.

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Re: [HAROLD GLASSER] *Isa*

By letter dated June 2nd, 1947, the Washington Field Division requested the New York Office to obtain information on three sources in New York City, which are being set out as follows:

The New York Division was requested to ascertain the identity of the holders of Post Office Box 976, Church Street Annex, New York, and background information thereof. Inquiry at the Church Street Annex reflected that that box was formerly held by a firm known as TAAINC, which was operated by SAMUEL KING and his son WILLIAM at 150 Broadway, New York City. *Kin*

The Post Office advised this box is no longer in use, and that there was no information available concerning the background of this organization other than it was a firm which dealt exclusively with sending voluminous correspondence to Congressmen in encouraging certain types of legislation.

Inquiry at 150 Broadway, the address stated by the Post Office for TAAINC, reflected that this firm had no record as having resided in this building. The residence given at the time of the postal registry for Post Office Box 976 was 130 West 96th Street, and inquiry at this address reflected the KINGS no longer resided at this address.

The Washington Field Office by another lead requested the New York Office to furnish available information on "Cooperative for American Remittance to Europe, 50 Broad Street, New York City". Investigation at 50 Broad Street reflected the COOPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN REMITTANCE TO EUROPE is known at the present time as CARE, which dealt exclusively with sending food parcels to Europe.

It was noted the CARE offices occupy several floors at 50 Broad Street. It was ascertained that CARE is operated as a non-profit organization. The executive director is PAUL COMLY FRENCH. CARE, it was noted, is composed of 27 member agencies including the IWCA, the AMERICAN AID TO FRANCE, INC., the AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC., and the GREEK WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION. In the literature made available at 50 Broad Street, testimonials were set forth from President Truman, Herbert Hoover, F. H. LaGuardia, General Eisenhower,

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General Mark Clark, John Strachey, British Minister of Food, and Konrad Cardinal Von Preyseng, Bishop of Berlin.

The Washington Field Office requested New York to furnish available information on EDWIN HOPKINS, 255 West 43rd Street. Inquiry at the Times Square Hotel, 255 West 43rd Street, indicated that EDWIN HOPKINS has been residing at this hotel for approximately 25 years and is affiliated with the theatrical business in New York. It was stated that HOPKINS' principal occupation is that of script-reviewer of Broadway plays, and in this capacity, is regarded very highly in producing circles.

No derogatory information concerning HOPKINS was obtained at the hotel, and it was stated that he is a voluminous correspondent along theatrical lines and receives many scripts for his review.

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Re: [HARRY MAGDOFF] *Heru***CONFIDENTIAL**

On May 26th, 1947, a letter was directed to the New York Division requesting information on the owner of automobile bearing 1947 New York tags 2Y 8283.

*\*Erwin Strauben*

Investigation at New York reflected that the owner of the above mentioned automobile was ERWIN STRAUBEN, who resides at 201 St. Anne's Avenue, Bronx, New York, and is the owner of the auto parking lot at 600-14 East 137th Street, Bronx. The files of the New York Division reflected that he registered under the Alien Enemy Registration Act, which provided the following information.

He was born February 21st, 1903, Nuremberg, Germany. His ARRC was given as 1258853 and serial number of 195430. He has three step-children, and his wife MARY resides with him at 301 St. Anne's Avenue. His children are JOHN, FRANK and WILLIAM, and they reside with STRAUBEN.

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Employment records reflected that *Erwin* STRAUBEN has had numerous employments in New York City ranging from window-cleaner to building superintendent. He obtained his present employment as owner of the garage parking lot in 1938, which he has maintained to the present. *Peter*

The New York Division Indices and records of the New York City Police Department were checked negatively.

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Re: [ANDREW OLDER] *for*

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The Washington Field Division requested the New York Office to identify and furnish available information on WILLIAM KEMP, 6574 Saunders Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

Inquiry conducted at 6574 Saunders Street, Forest Hills, failed to reflect the identity of a party named KAMP as residing at this address. Interview with Mr. AL EBELING, superintendent, revealed that he has been superintendent of instant building for seven years, and his records failed to show a party named KEMP as residing at this address during his tenure.

It was noted on the building registry that a WILLIAM KARP had resided at this address, and he was described by EBELING as being a former Army lieutenant. EBELING stated that he has seen a large amount of Communist literature in KARP's apartment, and especially noted the presence of a large map of Russia there.

EBELING described KARP as being a Communist in his conversations, but stated that he has had little to do with KARP since he returned to the apartment from the U. S. Army.

The Indices of the New York Division contained numerous references to a WILLIAM KARP, none of which could be ascertained as being identical with the individual residing at 6574 Saunders Street.

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Re: [ANDREW OLDER] *KOW*

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On May 2nd, 1947, the Washington Field Division requested the New York Division to ascertain the identity of a party named HENACH residing at 39 West 67th Street, New York City.

Inquiry conducted at the above address through FRED WINTERFELT, superintendent, reflected that Mrs. DAISY HENACH had resided at the penthouse apartment at this address for approximately a year. He stated that she obtained the use of the apartment on a sublet from a party named MARIE DE MOULIN. It was stated that the apartment was owned on a cooperative basis by Mrs. MARGERY PARTRIDGE, 825 Fifth Avenue, who stated that to her knowledge, Mrs. HENACH obtained the sublet through the means of paying an exorbitant price for the furniture owned by MARIE DE MOULIN.

It was stated that Mrs. HENACH was employed by OSCILLATION THERAPY, 1 West 67th Street, New York City. No information was available concerning the background of Mrs. HENACH or the present location of her husband.

Mr. WINTERFELT stated he believed she has been divorced for a number of years, and that Mrs. HENACH resides at the above apartment alone. He described her as a very quiet woman, and stated he has heard indications that she is a Communist, but has never observed or seen any data to confirm these statements. He stated she led a quiet life and had few visitors to the apartment.

Mrs. PARTRIDGE stated she has had no difficulty with Mrs. HENACH, and stated she has had no contact with her and knows nothing concerning her background.

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Re: ISABELLE OLDER *JSU* **CONFIDENTIAL**

The Washington Field Division requested by letter dated May 2, 1947, the New York Division to furnish available background information on A. G. WEISSBERG, 226 East 6th Street, New York City. It was stated this party was a correspondent of ISABELLE OLDER.

A review of the Indices of the New York Division indicated that in a report of SA Jephtha S. Fuller dated November 30th, 1943 (Washington Field File 100-4844), an investigation was instigated concerning ANNE GORDON WEISSBERG, with aliases, which reflected the following information.

It was ascertained that Mrs. WEISSBERG was born September 17th, 1917, in Brooklyn, New York, and was believed to be a member of the Communist Party. In referenced report, information was obtained from confidential sources which indicated

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Another source stated that

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It was further stated in this report that on December 6th, 1941, the "Washington Post" had a picture of ANNE GORDON, secretary of the Washington Youth Council showing ANNE GORDON pinning a defense button on T. L. TSUI, first secretary of the Chinese Embassy, at a rally for "national defense" held by the W.Y.C. on December 5th, 1941, at the Foundry Methodist Church, 16th and P Street, N. W. Another source advised

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The referenced report also stated

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Another source in the instant report stated that on [REDACTED]

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The referenced report also set forth information which advised that on [REDACTED] c b1

It was further set out in instant report, that an investigation was conducted at the residence of Mrs. T. A. COSGROVE, 5411 8th Street, N. W., and it was ascertained approximately two years previously in the fall of 1941, a couple resided at the above address under the name of Mr. and Mrs. ISADOR WEISSBERG. Mrs. COSGROVE stated she believed Mrs. WEISSBERG's maiden name was ANNE GORDON.

At the time of their residence, it was pointed out Mrs. WEISSBERG was employed by the Postal Telegraph Company in the Traffic Department. She stated that she knew the WEISSBERGS had received copies of the "Daily Worker" while residing at her house, and stated that they had innumerable guests at all times, and that they were very loud and vulgar in their demeanor.

The records of the Postal Telegraph Company indicated that Mrs. WEISSBERG was employed there from June 13th, 1940 until May 29th, 1941. The Social Security Number of Mrs. WEISSBERG was given as [REDACTED] b7C

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A report of SA J. Justers Bodley, New York, 3/8/44, reflected that investigation in the New York area indicated that the WEISSBERGS had resided at 226 East 6th Street. Mrs. CECILIA PETTI, superintendent of the address at that time, stated that she was under the impression that Mrs. WEISSBERG might be connected with the Communist Party because of her friendship with one ROSE MORRISON, also of 226 East 6th Street. Mrs. PETTI advised Miss MORRISON has the reputation of being a Communist.

The records of the Board of Health, 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension, Brooklyn, reflected that ANNE GORDON was born September 17th, 1917, birth certificate 37728. Her father PINCUS GORDON was born in Russia and his occupation was stated to be that of a paper-box maker.

From a confidential source, it was ascertained [REDACTED]

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No verification of ANNE GORDON's employment at the Metropolitan Hospital could be obtained. u

It was further ascertained from the New York investigation that [REDACTED] b7E

On October 24th, 1944, a security index card was prepared on Mrs. WEISSBERG, giving as her business address the TASS NEWS AGENCY,

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50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. This security index card was removed on May 26th, 1945 because it was not felt that she was dangerous or potentially dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

In the report of SA George L. Strain, New York, 10/24/44, it was ascertained from a confidential source that [REDACTED]

It was ascertained that Mrs. WEISSBERG still resides at 226 East 6th Street, New York City, Apartment 1-C, and that she is employed at the TASS NEWS AGENCY, as previously set forth in this report. b7D

The following is a description of Mrs. WEISSBERG:

Birth	September 17th, 1917, Brooklyn, New York
Height	5 feet, 2½ inches
Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Dark blonde
Eyes	Blue, wears glasses
Race	White
Religion	Hebrew
Occupation	Teletype operator Tass Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

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[VICTOR PERLO]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. BRODERICK to ascertain the identity and background information of A. H. STERN, 333 West 57th Street, New York City.

ROBERT BLACK, Superintendent of the apartment at this address, advised that he has known the STERNS for the past two years, but was unable to furnish any information regarding them and knew nothing derogatory concerning ANITA H. STERN nor her parents Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP M. STERN. Mr. BLACK was also unable to furnish the names of any other tenants in the apartment who friendly with the STERNS or would know anything about them.

Miss AUGUSTA YAVNY, Office Secretary, ESCR REALTY CORPORATION, 758 Brady Avenue, Bronx, New York, made available her records which failed to reflect any information of value pertaining to the STERNS.

Election records for the City of New York, 9th Assembly District, 15th Election District, for 1946 reflect ANITA STERN, Apartment 411, registered without stating party, indicating her age as 21 plus, born United States, single, care of PHILIP M. STERN. These records also reflect PHILIP M. STERN, father of ANITA STERN, registered as a Democrat, age 67, born in the United States, married.

According to the records of the Credit Bureau of New York obtained by Special Employee C. E. POLLOCK, ANITA STERN is employed as a chartist for CHART & FACTS, 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

The New York telephone directory reflects a PHILIP STERN who maintains a law office at 580 Fifth Avenue, telephone BRyant 9-1216, residence phone COLUMbus 5-5311.

The indices of the New York office were checked against ANITA H. STERN, Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP STERN and CHART & FACTS with negative results.

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[VICTOR PERLO] *John*

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. BRODERICK to ascertain the identity and background information of MILDRED ZENKER, 245 West 107th Street, New York City.

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Mr. JOSEPH R. VIK, Superintendent of the apartment at this address, advised that he did not know Mrs. MILDRED ZENKER or her husband, ALFRED ZENKER very well as he has only been employed as superintendent of this building for the past year. He was unable to furnish the names of any of the other tenants in the building who possibly know the ZENKERS. He stated that the majority of them have been residents there for a comparatively short time, approximating one to two years.

THOMAS FLANIGAN, real estate agent at FRED ZITTELL & SONS, 103 West 72nd Street, New York City, managers of the apartment at 245 West 103rd Street, stated that their records reflect that the ZENKERS' rental was \$75.00 per month and that they have been residents of this apartment for approximately ten years and have been satisfactory tenants.

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, checked by Special Employee WADE FULLER, reflect Mrs. MILDRED ZENKER was the former Miss MILDRED SHERMAN, daughter of General and Mrs. CARL SHERMAN, and that she married ALFRED ZENKER on April 23, 1937 in New York City. These records further reflect that Mr. ZENKER is employed by the PROSPECT PRESS, INC., 188 West Fourth Street, New York City, as a foreman in the composing room, and has been so employed for the past eight years. He is highly regarded by his employers and receives a good income, the figures of which were not available. According to the records of the PROSPECT PRESS, INC. is a printing establishment located at 186-192 West Fourth Street, New York City. This corporation was organized January 11, 1911 with an authorized capital of \$5,000 which was increased to \$75,000 on December 18, 1919. During recent years, the corporation has done work for various departments of the U. S. government on a contract basis. *b2 b7D*

The officers of the corporation are Mrs. R. R. LOWE, daughter of CHARLES ZENKER, Treasurer, and financial principal, GEORGE HARRIGAN, Vice-President, and HERMAN ZENKER, Secretary. The indices of the New York Office failed to reflect any information on the ZENKERS and General and Mrs. CARL SHERMAN, or the PROSPECT PRESS, INC. and its officers. *CONFIDENTIAL*



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ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. BRODERICK to ascertain the identity of the subscriber to telephone number CHickering 4-7300 and to obtain any pertinent background information on JACK SABELL.

Miss MARIE HUNT, Personnel Assistant, Office of the Housing Expediter, made available her records pertaining to JACK SABELL which reflect the following information:

JACK SABELL, residence 7913 20th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone BRonskhurst 6-5437, is presently employed as Area Rental Attorney, Grade P970-6, salary \$7,102.00, in the Area Rent Office of the Office of the Housing Expediter, Brooklyn, New York.

In his application for employment SABELL stated he was born April 12, 1903, New York City, that his parents are JULIUS and REBECCA SABELL, both born in Kiev, Russia.

He stated he is a graduate of Fordham Law School, June 1926, with a LLB degree. His file reflects that prior to his present employment, and after practicing law in the courts of New York State, he was a free lance writer for several years.

On entering on duty on March 30, 1943, SABELL filed the oath of office prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States, a copy of which is in his personnel file, together with his affidavit dated July 11, 1946 regarding strikes against the United States by a federal employee, and certifying to the fact that he did not advocate nor belong to any political party or organization which advocates the over-throw of the government of the United States by force and violence, and that he would not as a government employee advocate or become a member of such party or organization.

The indices of the New York Office and the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked with negative results.

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Re: [ABEL PIENN] *Yes u*

Reference is made to the request of the Washington Field Office for information contained in the files of the New York Office pertaining to ~~PETER SEEGER~~, ~~PETER LINDAMOOD~~ (LINDAMOOT), ~~BLANCHARD KENNEDY~~, who are contacts of ABEL PIENN.

Relative to PETER SEEGER, the files of this office reflect that he was a member of the ~~PEOPLE'S SONGS INC.~~, 130 West 42nd Street, New York City, which is a music corporation of a non-profit nature and SEEGER is listed as a director, giving his address as 129 Mac Dougal Street, New York City.

It was also indicated that one PETER SEEGER of 129 Mac Dougal Street, at a meeting of the Washington Book Shop on January 31, 1946, played his guitar and sang songs pertaining to unions. His address was also listed as 129 Mac Dougal Street.

It was also noted that the [REDACTED]

The files of this office also reflected a case file on one PETER SEEGER, bearing the character Security Matter - C, which is in a closed status. A review of this file reflects that considerable information was obtained from Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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The above information is a summary of information submitted by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b2 b7D

Relative to PETER LINDAMOOD, it has been determined that a closed Internal Security - C case file on the above is the only information available pertaining to him. This file reflects that PETER LINDAMOOD, with aliases Peter Demood and also Peter Lindenmood, was the subject of an investigation in the Charlotte Office in August, 1941.

A report on that date submitted by Special Agent J. W. Kelly of the Charlotte Office reflects that LINDAMOOD associated with Communists and was sympathetic to the Communist philosophy. He also had allegedly attempted to evade military service as a conscientious objector. It was known that he attended the American Peace Mobilization meeting in New York City in April of 1941 and was active in the North Carolina Peace Council meeting at Chapel Hill, North Carolina in May of 1941.

This report also reflected that while in New York City, LINDAMOOD was in contact with MURIEL DRAPER, at 1829 Lexington Avenue, who is well known in Communist circles.

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In the report of Special Agent Loane J. Randall of the Jackson Office, dated November 10, 1941, it is reflected that LINDAMOOD was born June 25, 1914 and had grown up in Columbus, Mississippi and was inducted into the Army August 21, 1941 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. It was also known that his friends in Columbus were upset to find that he had been associating with people of very liberal thoughts and also that his mother, a well educated woman, took great delight in her son's "study of Communism."

In the report of Special Agent W. R. Hearn dated December 15, 1941 at New York City, it is reflected that PETER LINDAMOOD resided at 223 East 58th Street, New York City for a period of two years and at that time was in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. It is also noted that LINDAMOOD's father died many years ago and left a sizable estate, a portion of which became LINDAMOOD's on his 26th birthday. The above is a summary of information contained in the files of the New York Office. However, it will be noted that the office of origin in this case is the Charlotte Office.

The New York City telephone directory presently reflects a telephone listing for PETER LINDAMOOD at 14 East 10th Street, New York City and giving his occupation as that of a writer. Whether or not this individual is identical with the subject of the above information is not known.

In reference to BLANCHARD KENNEDY, information is contained in the case file of PETER LINDAMOOD mentioned above, to the effect that one BLANCHARD KENNEDY from Columbus, Mississippi, had attended with LINDAMOOD, the meeting in New York City of the American Peace Mobilization. This information reflects that he was well acquainted with MURIEL DRAPER, well known in Communist circles in New York City.

It is further known that BLANCHARD KENNEDY grew up in Columbus, Mississippi and came from wealthy parents and was a close friend of PETER LINDAMOOD. It was known that in 1941, KENNEDY was believed to be in New York City where he had been living for the past three or four years and was somewhat of an artist. His address at that time was 202 East 56th Street, New York City.

In the above referenced New York report by Special Agent W.R. Hearn, it is indicated that KENNEDY was engaged in modeling at various schools while living in New York City and he was believed to have been rejected from Selective Service as being physically disabled.


It was also determined through a confidential source that [REDACTED]

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The indices of the New York Office do not reflect any other information pertaining to KENNEDY. b2D

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[URSULA WASSERMAN] *Her u*

The following investigation concerning the activities of URSULA WASSERMAN was conducted by SA Francis D. O'Brien:

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Accordingly, SAs John R. Murphy, T. Scott Miller, and the writer, as well as Photographer John Murphy, were at LaGuardia Airport at the time of WASSERMAN's departure and three pieces of luggage consisting of two suitcases and a hatbox were examined, but nothing of any pertinent value was found therein.

It was ascertained that WASSERMAN had with her a light tan brief case in which she apparently held her correspondence and stated to the Pan American passenger agent that she desired to keep this brief case in her personal possession.

On November 9th, 1947, a teletype was sent to the Bureau requesting the Bureau to telephonically contact the San Juan Office inasmuch as that office was closed on Sunday and to advise San Juan of [REDACTED] b1

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD E. SHANNON. It includes the period of activity from July 2, 1947 to November 3, 1947.

The following information was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted], which informant is in a position to supply information concerning the activities and contacts made at the home of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN in Stamford, Connecticut. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

On July 2, 1947 the informant advised that TED ALLEN, a known Communist writer and a contact of Dr. WEINSTEIN'S in the past, was at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN in New York City. On this same date this informant advised that Dr. WEINSTEIN and TED ALLEN were going out together on that evening. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

On July 8, 1947 this informant advised that MIDGE CHODOROV RODOM was in contact with the home of Dr. WEINSTEIN in Stamford, Connecticut. MIDGE CHODOROV RODOM is a director in the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, a known Communist front organization. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

This informant advised that on July 10, 1947 LENORE WEINSTEIN, wife of Dr. WEINSTEIN, was in touch with ISABEL JOSEPHSON, wife of BARNEY JOSEPHSON, subject of an internal security - C investigation. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

This informant advised that on July 18, 1947 TED ALLEN was going to come out to WEINSTEIN'S home that evening to spend the weekend. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

The informant advised that on July 31, 1947 a new baby girl was born to Dr. WEINSTEIN'S wife LENORE. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

On August 19, 1947 ANN REVERE, the movie actress, was in contact with LENORE WEINSTEIN and ANN REVERE advised that she was going back to the West Coast on that date, but that she may do a picture in Maine in the fall of the year. LENORE promised to visit her in Maine if she makes the picture there. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

On August 22, 1947 MORRIS WEINSTEIN, brother of Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN, was in contact with BARNEY JOSEPHSON of Cafe Society Downtown. MORRIS informed BARNEY that he was coming into New York City the following weekend to stay. BARNEY told him his room was always ready for him. (b)(1) (b)(7)(D)

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On August 25, 1947 BARNY JOSEPHSON was again in touch with MORRIS WEINSTEIN and on this occasion told him that he expected to visit his brother, LEON JOSEPHSON, for a couple of days and that in the meantime he would be very busy preparing for the opening of his club, Cafe Society Downtown, which opened on September 8, 1947. (P) u

On Monday, September 22, 1947, Dr. WEINSTEIN, in conversation with his wife LENORE, stated that he contemplated making a trip to the West Coast on the following Thursday. This trip was to be made in connection with the promoting of a play that had been written by MORRIS WEINSTEIN. On September 24, 1947 it was ascertained that ISRAEL JOSEPHSON contemplated visiting at the home of Dr. WEINSTEIN on the following day. (P) u

On September 24, 1947 Dr. WEINSTEIN, in conversation with his secretary, BETTY ALDRICH, stated that he was going to Hollywood on the following day with a party named OTTO PREMINGER (phonetic). On Thursday, September 25, 1947 it was ascertained through this informant that Dr. WEINSTEIN was at Penn Station at 5:30 P.M. and that he contemplated leaving shortly for California. (P) u

On September 26, 1947 this informant advised that Dr. WEINSTEIN at that time was in Chicago, Illinois on his way through to Hollywood, California and that he contacted his home at Stamford, Connecticut and spoke with his brother, Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN. On September 28, 1947 Dr. WEINSTEIN contacted his wife, LENORE WEINSTEIN. At that time Dr. WEINSTEIN was at Los Angeles, California and stated that he was staying at the following address: 333 Bel Air Road, which is the residence of OTTO PREMINGER. Dr. WEINSTEIN told his wife that he was with OTTO at that time, having arrived in Los Angeles about two hours before. (P) u

Dr. WEINSTEIN stated that although PREMINGER was of the opinion that MORRIS WEINSTEIN had shown considerable talent in writing the play, he thinks the theme of MORRIS' play is wrong as the characters are too black and white. OTTO was against the whole idea of the play. OTTO stated that MORRIS had made considerable progress between the last version of the play and the present one. Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN stated that he was not disappointed and he intended to exhibit the play to several other individuals in California. (P) u

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On September 28, 1947 this informant advised that LENORE WEINSTEIN contemplated attending a luncheon on the following day sponsored by the United Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee. (P) u

The following information was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] which informant is in a position to supply information concerning the contacts and activities of the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53rd Street, New York City. (P) u b2 b7D

On July 3, 1947 TED ALLEN contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office and advised him that he would be by to pick up the doctor in a few minutes with ED BARSKY (who is the subject of an Internal Security - C investigation). (P) u

On August 1, 1947 ROSE WORTIS, while at State Communist Party headquarters in New York City, contacted FRANCES ALEXANDER at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN. FRANCES ALEXANDER is a dental technician employed in the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN. ROSE WORTIS made an appointment to see Dr. WEINSTEIN on Wednesday at 2:30 P.M. and after that she stated she would be in contact with FRANCES herself. (P) u

On August 7, 1947 an individual by the name of DREW was in contact with Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office. In the conversation that ensued, DREW stated that he was leaving in a short time for the West Coast, that he would open the office for Dr. WEINSTEIN out there. Dr. WEINSTEIN advised him that he should contact his brother's wife, Mrs. WEBER, at 12354 Rye Street, North Hollywood, California. He stated that she has good judgment about selecting places. DREW stated that he would send a list of needed supplies and ABE will send him a check for expenses. He stated that after DREW is all set up they can discuss salary. (P) u

On August 7, 1947 ED BARSKY, himself, was in contact with Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office. (P) u

On August 7, 1947 TED ALLEN was again in contact with Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office in New York City. (P) u

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On August 15, 1947 Dr. WEINSTEIN sent the following telegram to his sister-in-law: "Mrs. JOHNNIE WEBER, 12354 Rye, North Hollywood, California, KNEW IF LEFT TO YOU WE WOULD GET ACTION. CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS. AS PER YOUR SUGGESTION, TAKE LEASE FOR SIX MONTHS. WILL BE, IN TOUCH WITH YOU. LOVE, ABE." (X) u

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] this telegram concerned the opening of a dental laboratory on a trial basis on the West Coast. The individual previously referred to as Mr. DREW was to operate this laboratory for Dr. WEINSTEIN and it was to be located at Sunset and Highway in Los Angeles, California. (X) u b2 b7D

On August 15, 1947 ROSE WORTIS was again in contact with the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and made an appointment to come to the office on that date. (X) u

On August 28, 1947 a party by the name of ABBEY was at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and from the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN contacted the Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee and stated that he wanted to speak to someone there concerning a reservation for a weekend at Alabin (phonetic) Acres. It appeared that the JAFRC planned a weekend at the above location. (X) u

On September 10, 1947 MAX WEISS, prominent Communist functionary, was in touch with the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and made a dental appointment for the following day. (X) u

On September 22, 1947 Dr. WEINSTEIN contacted his secretary, BETTY ALDRICH, and she informed him that Mr. WILLIAMSON, BILL HERN and a Mr. HARRIS were in the office. WILLIAMSON was subsequently identified as JOHNNIE WILLIAMSON of the national headquarters. (X) u

On September 25, 1947 Dr. WEINSTEIN was in contact with GEORGE EVANS, business representative for FRANK SINATRA, the singer, and at that time WEINSTEIN informed EVANS that he was leaving that evening for the West Coast in the company of OTTO PREMIGER (phonetic) and that he intended to spend one week at PREMIGER'S home and then return to New York City. He made a luncheon date with EVANS to have lunch with him two weeks from that date. (X) u

The following is the result of a mail cover maintained on the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York, New York (X) u

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A letter was received by Dr. WEINSTEIN postmarked July 2, 1947 with a return address of PAUL ROBESON. PAUL ROBESON is actor who is the subject of an internal security - C investigation. (X) u

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania July 15, 1947 with the return address of ROY ROGERS, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (X) u

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked August 20, 1947 with the return address of AMERICAN REVIEW OF SOVIET MEDICINE, 58 Park Avenue, New York, New York. (X) u

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked August 26, 1947 with a return address of H. AARON, M.D., 1235 Park Avenue, New York, New York. Dr. AARON is the subject of an Internal Security - C investigation. (X) u

Dr. WEINSTEIN was in receipt of a letter postmarked September 20, 1947 at New York, with return address of AMERICAN SOVIET MEDICAL SOCIETY, 58 Park Avenue, New York, New York. (X) u

A letter was addressed to Miss BETTY ALDRICH, secretary to Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53rd Street, New York, postmarked September 25, 1947 Beverly Hills, California. The return address on this letter was OTTO FREMINGER, 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, Beverly Hills, California. (X) u

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Re: DONALD WHEELER *Heru*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On June 2nd, 1947, the Washington Field Office requested the New York Office to obtain available background information on ~~FRED HART~~. This individual was stated to be a contact of DONALD WHEELER.

Investigation reflected that the above party, whose telephone in referenced letter was given as GRamercy 7-7151, resides at 136 West 11th Street, New York City. Inquiry reflected that ~~FREDERICK PATTON HART~~ at the present time is a teacher at the Julliard School of Music, 120 Clermont Avenue, New York City. He was born, according to the records of the Julliard School, September 5th, 1894 at Aberdeen, Washington, and presently is an instructor in the literature and materials department at the Julliard School.

Mr. HART is a bachelor and resides alone at 136 West 11th Street. Prior to coming to the Julliard School, he taught music at the Sarah Lawrence School, Bronxville, New York. His application at the Julliard School reflected he studied or took courses from the following:

1. The American Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois, 1913-16
2. Piano lessons from GLEN DILLARD GUNN, Chicago
3. Piano from ERNEST HOTCHESON, New York
4. Studied theory under MORTIMER WILSON, New York
5. Piano under ELIZABETH IUAILE, New York
6. Composition under RUBIN GOLDMARK, New York
7. Pedagogy under ANGELA DILLER
8. Studied abroad under NADIA BOULANGER, Paris

HART stated that he taught at the following schools in the past 25 years.

1. Piano, theory and listening DILLER QUAILL SCHOOL OF MUSIC
2. Materials of music and pedagogy, Mills College, California

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## 3. Piano, theory and listening, Sarah Lawrence College.

HART stated that he also instructed piano in his private studio. He stated that he was a member of the American Composers Alliance and his public performances consisted of being an accompanist for a number of years.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

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At New York, N. Y.

This matter is receiving continuous investigative attention and leads are being set out by teletype and letter for immediate coverage by auxiliary offices.

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *AT*  
 FROM : D. M. LADD  
 SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

DATE: November 20 1947

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

I talked to Mr. Vincent Quinn with reference to the progress of this case, and he advised that it was expected that the Grand Jury would recess this week for a short time for the purpose of determining what further presentation was necessary. Mr. Quinn could not give me any estimate as to when they would finish.

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Mr. Quinn also stated that he and Mr. Donegan were still considering the question of the Grand Jury returning a presentment covering the facts in this case, and "might even go a little further if there was an indication that there were one or two subjects to be prosecuted." He did not elaborate further on the phone, but stated he was going to New York for the week-end and would go over the case with Mr. Donegan. Upon his return, I will endeavor to obtain further information concerning this matter from him.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, 7, New York

December 1st, 1947

Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY

Dear Sir:

In accordance with this afternoon's conversation between Mr. Leo Loughlin of the Bureau and ASAC Belmont of this office, there are being forwarded herewith copies of the article in today's New York "World Telegram" entitled "Russian Spy Network Exposed in Magazine", and the article in today's New York "Post" entitled "Writer Finds a 'Spy Ring'". This matter was also mentioned in today's "Daily Worker".

The magazine "Plain Talk" will appear on the newsstands about the middle of December, at which time it will be procured and a copy sent to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1947.

# Russian Spy Network Exposed in Magazine

Before its launching, the blueprints of the B-36 fortress found their way in hands of a ranking official in the Treasury Department and were passed on to Soviet agents. This is one of the facts unfolded in the federal grand jury indictment here which will turn a Soviet spy ring in the United States," the magazine Plain Talk declared in its December issue today.

**Communies Shivering.**  
The inquiry, which is "sending shivers through the entire hierarchy of the American Communist Party," will show also, said Plain Talk, that: "Several topmost Communist officials here 'were acting as agents of Stalin's secret service engaged in recruiting spies and passing state documents;'"

2. An espionage system, in which more than 100 scientific and clerical workers have been gathering secret atomic information since 1943, "leading to the transmission of Uranium-235 to Russia," was under the direct supervision of avowed Communist party leaders.

3. Several of the highest officials of the old National Labor Relations Board were clandestine Communist party members and formed "a secret spy-center" in Washington.

**Inquiry Ordered.**  
4. "Certain high and trusted officials in the State Department, including one who had played a leading role at Yalta and in organizing the United Nations, delivered confidential papers to Communist agents who microfilmed them for dispatch to Moscow."

An inquiry by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was ordered, according to Plain Talk, after Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King visited President Truman in October, 1945, and acquainted him with the "shocking revelations" that came out of the sensational Red spy case in Canada.

The President became convinced that the Canadian case "was but a small section of a vast secret beehive operating from the Panama Canal to Alaska," said Plain Talk. The magazine predicted that official disclosure of the facts will bring on "something like a political quake."

The World-Telegram three weeks ago reported that the Communist party had whipped itself into a state of hysteria over the five-months-old grand jury probe. Its mouthpiece, the Daily Worker, has been shouting "spy scare" and "frameup," even accusing the FBI of concocting what the Worker terms "a pro-German plot."

One witness who has been repeatedly questioned by the grand jury, according to the magazine,

is Earl Browder, deposed Communist party chief. His forced retirement came a few months after the Canadian spy ring story broke, it pointed out.

**Big Shots Involved.**  
The ghostwriter for a prominent Southern U. S. Senator "of pronounced pro-Soviet sympathies" was found in the investigation to be an underground operative of the network, Plain Talk stated. Certain leading figures in the CIO and Progressive Citizens of America were also found to be involved, according to the magazine.

Disguised quarters in New York, Washington and elsewhere—such as a jewelry shop, violin studio and documentary film firm—were used by the alleged ring, according to Plain Talk. "For the purposes of transacting espionage business, transmitting microfilm information and receiving funds from couriers."

The article, "Stalin's Spy Ring in the U. S. A.," is signed by Don Levine, editor of the monthly magazine.

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# **Writer Finds a 'Spy Ring'** **Charges Atom Data Leak to Soviet**

A spy ring of more than 100 scientists and clerks began gathering information about our developments of atomic energy in 1943 and was under the direct supervision of American Communist leaders, Isaac Don Levine charges in the December issue of Plain Talk.

In an article entitled "Stalin's Spy Ring in the U.S.A.," Levine predicts a "sensational case involving a great Soviet spy ring" here as a result of a grand jury investigation which he said has been going on for several months.

Levine says there was transmission of uranium-235 to Russia and that secret plans and blueprints of our B-36 Superfortresses were in the possession of a Treasury official, long before

launching, and were later passed on to Soviet agents.

He charges that "high and trusted" State Dept. officials, including one who played a leading role at Yalta, delivered confidential papers to Communist agents. CIO and PCA leaders were deeply involved in espionage, he declares.

Levine also charged that several American Communist leaders recruited spies in this country and stole state documents.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of November 18 regarding your position in connection with the Grand Jury proceedings presently being held in New York City.

This will acknowledge also your letter of November 21 to Mr. Childs in connection with his column of November 18. Mr. Childs is still out of town and both letters are being held for his return about the middle of December.

Sincerely yours,

Helia Pickett

Secretary

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn  
Principal Division  
Director, FBI

December 2, 1947

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MAJOR GENERAL BENNETT E. HOYERS  
Miscellaneous - Information Concerning

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There are enclosed herewith two copies of an anonymous communication concerning the subject and one A. George Silverman dated November 22, 1947 and addressed to Senator Homer Ferguson. This letter and an envelope postmarked at St. Louis, Missouri, November 23, 1947, were transmitted to the Bureau by Senator Ferguson's letter of November 25, 1947.

The records of the Bureau reflect that Abraham George Silverman was formerly employed as a Chief Production Specialist, Material Division, Army Air Forces, from March 26, 1942 until August 18, 1945, at which time he left this employment to work for the French Supply Council, a part of the French government at Washington, D.C. Prior to his employment by the Army Air Forces, Silverman was employed by the Railroad Retirement Board, the Federal Coordinator of Transportation, the U. S. Tariff Commission, and the Labor Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration in Washington, D.C. Silverman is the subject of a pending investigation and information concerning his background and activities is set out on pages 65 to 68, inclusive, of a summary memorandum furnished to the Attorney General under a Personal and Confidential cover memorandum dated November 27, 1946. The summary memorandum concerned Soviet espionage activities directed against the United States Government, in which employees of the United States Government have been utilized by the Soviets.  
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The files of the Bureau further reflect that an individual believed to be Major General Bennett E. Hoyers visited Silverman at his apartment in Washington, D.C. during the evening of December 11, 1945, after contacting Silverman earlier the same day and arranging the visit. Hoyers was then residing at Bayville, Long Island, New York. In addition, a highly confidential source of information advised in [REDACTED]

(65-56402-269, pgs. 192 and 202)

The enclosed communication is being referred to you for consideration as to further action to be taken.

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TO : MR. TOLSON      cc- Mr. Ladd

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: 12/3/47

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Martha Kearney of INS told me last evening she could not be very far away from the Department of Justice for the next few days as the press has been alerted that the New York Grand Jury case might be broken out of Washington. I asked her if she had this from any responsible official in the Department. She stated Mr. Quinn had admitted the case might be broken out of Washington.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *[Signature]*  
 FROM : J. P. Coyne *[Signature]*  
 SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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DATE: December 5, 1947

Time of Call: 4:15  
12-4-47

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At the above time ASAC Belmont of the New York Office telephonically advised that he received a call from Nelson Frank of the "World Telegram" on the afternoon of December 4th relative to the following.

The labor editor of "Business Week" called Nelson Frank to advise that their Washington office had wired a brief report to New York to the effect that the Special Federal Grand Jury is recessing without having uncovered anything sensational (actually the Special Federal Grand Jury recessed December 3, until January 20, 1948). Mr. Frank inquired of the New York Office as to whether the aforementioned report received from the Washington office of "Business Week" were true, and he was advised by Mr. Belmont that the New York Office could make no comment relative to this matter. It was suggested to Mr. Frank that he might be desirous of referring his inquiry to the Department of Justice, inasmuch as prosecution in this matter is being handled by representatives of the Department.

ACTION: No action is necessary with respect to this matter.

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Washington, D. C.

American Embassy  
1, Grosvenor Square  
London, England  
November 17, 1947



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VIA AIR POUCH

Director, FBI  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

11 29 4

Re: GREGORY  
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Reference is made to previous correspondence re-  
garding the movements of Julius Joseph Joseph.

[REDACTED]

I would appreciate being advised whether the Bureau  
is interested in all of subject Joseph's movements abroad.

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

*J. A. Cimperman*

J. A. Cimperman  
Legal Attache

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ADDENDUM: Since the typing of the above report from [REDACTED]

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Mr. McCabe	Mr. Mohr
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**GREGORY, ESP. R.**

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QUINN AND DONEGAN ADVISE FURTHER, GRAND JURY DECIDED TODAY TO CONVENE  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Ladd

Mr. P. Coyne

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(JOSEPH DUBOIS)

DATE: September 21, 1947

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Reference is made to a memorandum from Supervisor Floyd L. Jones to you dated August 11, 1947, in the above entitled matter. Referenced memorandum stated that Mr. Jones, at your instructions, called upon Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn; Quinn stated that on August 7, 1947, Mayor O'Dwyer of New York had been in his office and stated that on a previous evening, O'Dwyer had dinner with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] having been transferred from the Treasury Department by Harry Dexter White. The Mayor said that this woman is allegedly close to Harry White and was possibly his secretary both at the Treasury Department and at the bank.

[REDACTED] while she was employed at the Treasury Department under White, that she was given a "super secret document" and Joseph DuBois, a former Treasury Department employee, then preparing to leave for Russia, had asked her for this document and she refused to give it to him. However, at White's specific instructions, she was told to turn the document over to DuBois in order that DuBois could take it to Russia.

The Washington Field Office has expressed difficulty in identifying [REDACTED] woman in the International Bank referred to by [REDACTED] in her conversation with Mayor O'Dwyer and does not feel that a "fishing expedition" should be utilized in connection with a matter such as this.

Therefore, it is suggested that the New York Office contact Assistant Attorney General Quinn and suggest that he contact Mayor O'Dwyer for the latter's permission to have Agents of the Washington Field Office approach [REDACTED] for the purpose of identifying the woman mentioned by [REDACTED]. If you agree, there is attached hereto a letter to the New York Office.

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United States Department of Justice

Washington Field Office  
Room 1706, Washington 25, D. C.

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: <sup>①</sup>GREGORY  
Espionage - R

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 11, 1947, concerning a woman reportedly employed at the International Bank for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through the influence of HARRY DEXTER WHITE who allegedly had possession of a "super secret document" shortly before WHITE's resignation from the Treasury Department in May, 1946, and who turned this document over to JOSEPH DUBOIS upon WHITE's instruction in order that DUBOIS could take it with him to Russia. It was suggested the woman was associated with WHITE and was possibly a secretary of WHITE.

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Subject WHITE was executive director of the International Monetary Fund prior to the International Bank. Although closely associated, the precise inter-relationship between the Fund and Bank and the exact manner of employing personnel are not now known. Effort will be made to clarify this in light of the fact that SHANAHAN and SCHWEITZER worked for the Fund and it is believed SHANAHAN and SCHWEITZER did also.

WFO 100-17493  
Director

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September 19, 1947

In the absence of more specific information, it is believed it will be very difficult to locate and interview the unknown woman in this matter. It is felt general inquiry among the several persons who have transferred from Treasury to the International Fund or Bank, including WHITE's secretaries, may prove unsuccessful and even produce embarrassing results.

During the investigation of the Gregory Case, nothing of a particularly derogatory character was developed concerning Mrs. SHANAHAN or Miss SCHWEITZER. This office would be very glad to interview both of these women concerning WHITE's general conduct and activities during the many years they worked for him, and it is believed such interviews might produce background information of value as well as offer possibilities in the event these women are innocent and loyal employees. However, it is not felt they should be approached concerning the single transaction discussed in reference letter.

It is respectfully suggested the original informant of the Bureau be recontacted if feasible and every effort be made to identify the woman through the original informant. Possibly the original informant might be induced to agree to having an agent talk with his or her source of information.

This office will endeavor to ascertain [REDACTED] and will discreetly endeavor to ascertain the names of additional women employees transferred from Treasury Department to the International Fund (and Bank). However, no one will be interviewed concerning the specific document pending further instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Guy Hottel*  
GUY HOTTEL  
SAC

CC New York

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 5, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOHN PAUL WILAN WARSALKA, with aliases  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(GREGORY)

102837

Refer New Haven letter to the Bureau dated October 30, 1947, captioned as above, inquiring whether WARSALKA will be called before the Grand Jury presently hearing instant matter in the Southern District of New York.

On November 25, 1947, THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that WARSALKA will not be called for appearance before the Grand Jury.

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cc - New Haven

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The Director

DATE: November 25, 1947

Mr. D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN GEORGE BENDER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to recent information received from the Washington Field Office to the effect that David W. Wahl, a strongly suspected Soviet Espionage Agent and Washington representative of the American-Jewish Conference, and Palmer Weber, the Washington head of the CIO-PAC, had been guiding the activities of Representative George Bender, of Ohio, in connection with his sub-Committee.

You will recall that on November 24, 1947, the House of Representatives had a roll-call vote on the contempt citations of Hollywood figures and that the citations were upheld by a large majority.

Information has been received from a technical source on the office of Palmer Weber in Washington that at 5:57 p.m. on November 24, 1947, Weber contacted Congressman Bender at the Capitol. They discussed the way Bender had voted (apparently on the contempt citations after having indicated to Weber that he would vote against them). Bender said that with everybody voting the way they did and with his Committee staff being attacked "what else would you expect me to do until I get this thing cleared up." Bender stated that he had thought the whole thing over and that he thought the price was too great for him to "fuss around, just to have all these figures around here saying, 'Well, you see, we told you so.'" Weber stated that he forgives Bender and that Bender has something more important to handle.

Palmer Weber then asked if they (the Committee) did anything or tried anything rough. Bender said that they had not. Weber said that they have that much good sense and then added, "Ah, me. If we could just kill all these Irish Catholics." Bender said, "Ah, that's right. You said it brother." Weber then stated that the world would then be a safe place to live in (laughingly), and Bender agreed. Weber stated that he hated to say it so bluntly for the recorder, that is on Bender's phone. He referred to the recorder as a "ticker."

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In light of the information received from the Washington Field Office concerning Bender and in view of the Congressman's request of the Bureau for a name check on members of his staff, it is believed that the foregoing will be of interest to you.

The technical log covering this conversation is attached hereto.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: November 12, 1947

**SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE**

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At 10:45 this morning ASAC Belmont called and stated that Tom Donegan wants to use Louis Budenz as a witness for the Grand Jury and to have him detail his knowledge of and his association with Gregory, Golos and other individuals in this case. Mr. Belmont stated they are interviewing Budenz tomorrow on another matter and unless advised to the contrary will discuss with him his knowledge of the persons in the Gregory case. He further advised that unless the Bureau advised to the contrary they will interpose no objection to his appearing as a witness if Mr. Donegan believes it desirable.

### RECOMMENDATION

Since the Grand Jury proceedings are secret, there appears to be no ground upon which the Bureau should object to the appearance of Budenz provided he does have information of value in this case.

**HBF : CHUN**

I concur

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: December 2, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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Mr. Clegg  
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Confidential informant advised that on December 1, 1947, at 11:40 A.M., PALMER WEBER contacted SARAH D'AVILA at the office of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. WEBER referred, among other things, to a previous discussion of a dinner for GEORGE BENDER and suggested February 12th as the date. PALMER WEBER discussed the various ramifications of the dinner, principally to raise a couple of thousand dollars for the Anti-Poll Tax Committee (of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare), with a \$5.00 plate dinner at the Statler. They will put HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS, MARCANTONIO and a Republican on the platform. They will prepare GEORGE BENDER a nice little speech and invite a few of the Supreme Court Justices. SARAH D'AVILA commented that the Supreme Court Justices won't come she is sure, but that they would be able to get some additional Congressmen.

In further connection with the dinner for GEORGE BENDER, PALMER WEBER thought that perhaps DAVID EARLINER might be of some assistance. WEBER further commented that the dinner would be one way of getting GEORGE BENDER to push hard on BOB TAFT, and they agreed that they could also use the dinner to get him to do some other things; that this dinner has a multitude of values to it. WEBER agreed to discuss the dinner further with BENDER and advise SARAH.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 25, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to my letter dated September 19, 1947, in the above-captioned matter regarding certain employees of the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Central Intelligence Agency.

During the course of an investigation conducted concerning certain employees of the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Central Intelligence Agency under the President's Loyalty Program, it has been determined that the following individuals have been reinstated and are now employed with the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of CIA:

JEANNETTE S. ~~FEIGENBAUM~~  
HERBERT F. ~~MORGENROTH~~  
PEARL ~~ZIPIN~~

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U.S. GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 5, 1947

FROM : SAC, Albany

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By letter dated November 17, 1947 Lt. Colonel R.M. BLANCHARD, Area Operations Division, G-2 Section, Headquarters First Army, Governor New York 4, N.Y., requested information of this office concerning one EDWARD GOWARD MENAKER, described as born April 10, 1919 at Newark, New Jersey.

Albany indices reflect a reference to MENAKER in the matter captioned "Gregory Espionage-R". For the Bureau's information, New York letter to Albany dated March 1, 1947 in captioned matter requested all available background information on EDWARD GOWARD MENAKER and his wife, BETTY, of 38 Cromer Ave., Schenectady, New York, a contact of VICTOR PERLO, subject captioned case.

By letter dated March 8, 1947 pursuant to the advice received from New York, the Washington Field was furnished the following information concerning EDWARD MENAKER.

Schenectady Credit Bureau records disclosed that EDWARD MENAKER was employed at the General Electric Company and that in September 1946 he had advised that his wife, ELIZABETH, was employed at Yorktown Heights, Westchester County, New York.

General Electric records, Schenectady, New York, disclosed that EDWARD MENAKER was employed as an engineer in the aeronautical engineering division of that company and had been in their employ since July 29, 1946. MENAKER, according to these records, was born April 10, 1919 at Newark, New Jersey and had taught at the Altray School at Great Barrington, Mass. from September 1940 to June 1941. He graduated from Columbia University in 1938 and has Master's Degree. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force beginning February 4, 1942, date of discharge not known.

Previous employment for MENAKER was indicated as the L.T. WEISS COMPANY, Brooklyn, New York, as a grinder operator from July 1941 to October 1941, and Andrus Industries, Stamford, Conn. from November 1941 to January 1942.

Inasmuch as the Albany file in captioned matter is incomplete in nature I have advised Colonel BLANCHARD as of this date that information concerning EDWARD GOWARD MENAKER could best be obtained from the Bureau through the usual Army channels.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
 SUBJECT:

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You will recall that Jim Walter of the Times Herald brought me a three-page memorandum with advice that it came originally from Father Cronin and which purports to be an interview with Whittaker Chambers. This was given to Walter by Ed Nellor of the New York Sun.

In an effort to try to pin down where they got this and confirm our suspicions that it came from Ray Murphy of the State Department, I told Walter a few days ago that I understood this did come from Cronin, that it came from some other source. He apparently told Nellor this and Nellor called me and indicated that he was worried for fear somebody might plant something on him. He said he was going to see Father Cronin on Monday morning.

Walter subsequently informed me that Nellor had seen Father Cronin and that two other individuals had talked to Whittaker Chambers, namely, Adolf Berle and Ray Murphy. A few days ago Walter told me that Whittaker Chambers got worried and broke with the Party he believed in 1942, and went to several government officials who refused to listen to him, one being Berle; that one of his contacts in Washington was a Hyman Colodny, who operates a drugstore and at one time was business manager of the Daily Worker. This Hyman Colodny died recently and it is not known whether his estate still owns Bunker Hill Pharmacy or not.

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